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— Graeme Souness

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— Frank Stapleton

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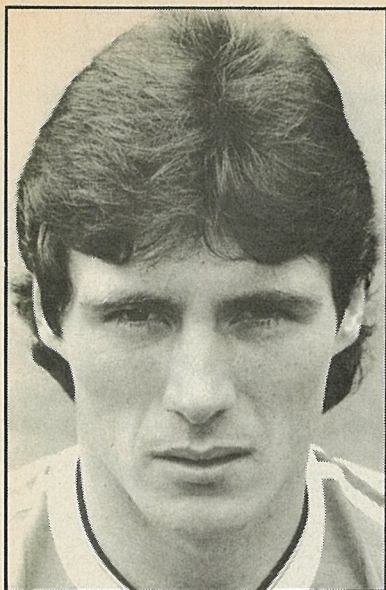
Scoring sensation Ian Rush (9) is hugged by joyous Liverpool team-mates, watched by co-striker Kenny Dalglish who hopes his comeback from injury coincides with Liverpool's European Cup-tie with Benfica.

IN COLOUR WATFORD TEAM GROUP

STEVE PERRYMAN'S OWN STORY

ROCK ON WILLIE! MILLER IS TOP SCOT

KEVIN KEEGAN — THE STARS PAY TRIBUTE



Frank Stapleton: "United aren't scared of Diego Maradona."

FRANK Stapleton blasted a warning to world superstar Diego Maradona on the eve of Manchester United's clash of the giants with Barcelona in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

The Eire international says: "We won't be scared of Diego. Worrying about him would be the worst thing we could possibly do."

We won't stand in awe. We'll treat him with the respect he deserves, but we won't go overboard. In fact I doubt we'll even have a man marking him. That will be down to whoever is nearest at the time.

Frank has played just 45 minutes against the star, but he says: "He's the best player in the world. He has fantastic skills and incredible pace."

The bad news for United is that the Argentinian ace is just beginning to hit form after being out for three months through

BRITAIN'S big guns march off on the European glory trail again next week and 'Match' previews three of the top ties.

Manchester United striker Frank Stapleton talks about his club's intriguing clash with Barcelona — Diego Maradona and all — while Mark Falco of Spurs and Nottingham Forest's Paul Hart tell of their Euro dreams.

injury. He made a goalscoring return after a broken ankle suffered in the now notorious incident with Goikoetxea — since nicknamed 'The beast of Bilbao.'

"Diego is the kingpin in the Barcelona side but the Spaniards also have a few other star names — including West German midfielder Bernd Schuster," says Frank.

The former Arsenal star believes that United's best chance of prising open the Barcelona defence could come in the first leg in the giant Nou Camp Stadium.

He explains: "The onus will be on him to attack. We may be able to hit him on the break."

"We are expecting a very physical battle out there in the first leg. I don't know why but English teams tend to bring the worst out

of the Spaniards.

"But we have played some of our best football of the season in our away European ties so we go into the Spanish game full of confidence."

One player who could see more of Diego Maradona over the two Quarter-Final ties will be Frank's Eire team-mate Kevin Moran and the central defender admits:

"Playing against him will be a big challenge."

"I'm looking forward to pitting my wits against him," says Kevin.

United fans have been starved of success abroad since they became the first English club to lift the European Cup back in 1968 and

THE DRAW

EUROPEAN CUP
Rapid Vienna (Austria) v DUNDEE UNITED

LIVERPOOL v Benfica (Portugal)
Dynamo Minsk (USSR) v Dynamo Berlin (E. Germany)
AS Roma (Italy) v Dynamo Berlin (E. Germany)

CUP WINNERS' CUP
Barcelona (Spain) v MAN. UNITED

Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) v ABERDEEN
FC Porto (Portugal) v Shakhter Donetsk (USSR)
Valkea Haka (Finland) v Juventus (Italy)

UEFA CUP
TOTTENHAM v Austria Vienna (Austria)
NOTTM FOREST v Sturm Graz (Austria)
Sparta Prague (Czech.) v Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
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THE OPPOSITION

BENFICA

Current form: Runaway leaders of Portuguese League with only two points dropped in first 18 games.

Star players to watch: Top scorer Diamantino, international striker Nene and goalkeeper Bento.

Record so far: Beat Linfield (N. Ireland) 6-2 on aggregate; and Olympiakos (Greece) 3-1.

European honours: European Cup winners 1961, 1962; runners-up, 1963, 1965 and 1968; UEFA Cup runners-up, 1983.

RAPID VIENNA

Current form: Third in Austrian League before winter recess.

Star players to watch: Czech international Anton Panenka, ace striker Hans Krankl and Austrian defender Herbert Weber.

Record so far: Beat Nantes (France) 4-3 and Bohemians Prague (Czech) 2-2 (on away goals).

European honours: None.

BARCELONA

Current form: Third in Spanish League behind Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao.

Star players to watch: Argentina's Diego Maradona, West Germany's Bernd Schuster and Spanish internationals Jose Alesanco and Jose Sanchez.

Record so far: Beat Magedeburg (East Germany) 7-1 and Nijmegen (Holland) 5-2.

European honours: European Cup runners-up, 1961; Fairs/UEFA Cup winners 1958, 1960, 1966; runners-up, 1962; Cup Winners' Cup winners, 1979 and 1982.

UJPEST DOZSA

Current form: Third in Hungarian League before winter recess.

Star players to watch: Hungary's World Cup stars Andras Torocsik, Laszlo Kiss and Jozsef Toth.

Record so far: Beat AEK Athens (Greece) 4-3 and Cologne (West Germany) 5-5 (on away goals).

European honours: Fairs/UEFA Cup runners-up, 1969.

AUSTRIA VIENNA

Current form: Top of Austrian League before winter recess.

Star players to watch: Hungary skipper Tibor Nyilasi, Austrian star Herbert Prohaska and international goalkeeper Friedrich Koncilia.

Record so far: Beat Aris Bonnevoie (Luxembourg) 15-0; Laval (France) 5-3 and Inter Milan (Italy) 3-2.

European honours: Cup Winners' Cup runners-up, 1978.

STURM GRAZ

Current form: Fourth in Austrian League before winter recess.

Star players to watch: Austria's World Cup players Anton Pichler and Gernot Jurtn.

Record so far: Beat Sportul Bucharest (Rumania) 2-1, Verona (Italy) 2-2 (on away goals) and Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) 2-1.

European honours: None.



Mark Falco believes Spurs have the ability to lift the UEFA Cup.

Kevin admits: "It's vital we have a good run this season.

"United have a great tradition in Europe but the club haven't had anything to cheer about in the last 10 years.

"Old Trafford has a special buzz and air of excitement about the place when we're involved in European competition. The fans love it."

But Kevin knows that Barcelona will provide a stern test of their European hopes and says: "They were one of the teams we wanted to avoid.

"The Spaniards have taken over from the Italians as the most physical players in Europe. Last season we played Valencia and those games were very tough."

Right: Superstar Diego Maradona presents a huge stumbling block to Manchester United's hopes of winning the European Cup Winners' Cup.

FRANK!

DOESN'T SCARE STAPLETON



Last four beckons confident Cockerels

THE Cockerels are ready to crow again in Europe.

After a season of domestic despair, Tottenham are desperate to salvage something from the ruins.

And their first European success for 12 years would provide some compensation for their failings.

Young striker Mark Falco, their match-winner against Bayern Munich in the last round, sums up the mood of the Tottenham camp when he says: "We want to present our loyal fans with a trophy in a season when we had high hopes of winning the Championship.

"But things haven't worked out for us this season, so the UEFA Cup is our only hope now of some glory.

"And we believe we have the players and the ability to win the trophy. We believe in ourselves and are confident we can overcome Austria Vienna to reach the last four."

Tottenham certainly seem to have reserved some of their best performances for the UEFA Cup.

Apart from toppling West German aces Bayern Munich with an 88th minute winner from Mark, they also completed the 'double' over Johan Cruyff-inspired Feyenoord.

"We want to play well in every game, but against European opposition we seem to get more time to play the way we want," says Mark, who also scored four goals in the opening round victory over Irish side Drogheda.

"Our style suits European football and I see no reason why the Austrians should halt our progress.

"We've seen a video of their victory over Inter Milan in the last round. They've got a strong side with the likes of Tibor Nyilasi and Herbert Prohaska in the firing line, but they're not unbeatable.

"As long as we get our game right, then we've got nothing to fear. I don't think they can be tougher than Bayern or Feyenoord."

HAVING built their own version of the 'Berlin Wall' in Europe this season, in-form Nottingham Forest are set to stifle the threat of unknown Austrians Sturm Graz en route to more European glory.

The former European Cup winners have conceded just two goals in six UEFA Cup ties this season and chalked up impressive away victories over Vorwarts (East Germany), Eindhoven (Holland) and Celtic in the 'Battle of Britain' showdown.

With that kind of travelling form, Forest's priority in next week's home leg will be to keep a clean sheet.

One of their key men will be central defender Paul Hart, who hopes to celebrate his first season at the City Ground with a UEFA Cup winner's medal.

He says: "Our first priority will be to prevent the Austrians from scoring at our place and, hopefully, snatch a couple of goals ourselves.



Paul Hart — chasing European glory in his first season at Nottingham Forest.

HART-BREAKERS!

FOREST PLAN TO STIFLE AUSTRIANS

"But we would fancy our chances even with a goalless draw because we have proved this season that we can win away from home.

"We play it very tight at the back and attempt to catch teams on the break with the pace of Ian Wallace and Garry Birtles.

"It's worked so far and there is no reason why it shouldn't work against Sturm Graz.

"We don't know a lot about their strengths and weaknesses, but I suppose they can't be any harder than Celtic or Eindhoven."

Forest are running into form just at the right time for a tilt at both League Championship and the UEFA Cup.

They've lost only one League match since early December and, after five successive away victories, have emerged as Liverpool's main challengers for the title.

But Paul remains low-key about Forest's chances in both competitions.

"We're not making predictions. I think we've surprised a few people already this season and we are simply taking every game as it comes," he says.

"We are now getting some of the luck which deserted us earlier this season, but we are also playing with plenty of determination and character.

"It would be a tremendous achievement for the club to win another European trophy with such a young team.

"We've got some really good youngsters and the side is going to get better over the next two or three years.

"The best of Forest is still to come."

● **GRAEME Souness** gives his exclusive views on Liverpool's European clash with Portuguese Benfica on page eight ... and Scottish hopes are previewed on page 33.

ENGLISH football will lose not one but TWO of its best loved sons at the end of the season.

As Kevin Keegan kicks his last ball for Newcastle — possibly shooting them back into the First Division at the same time — his old international mate Trevor Brooking will be bidding his own farewell to the West Ham faithful.

Trevor is now 35 and has enjoyed 19 fabulous years at Upton Park. His decision to quit was not unexpected.

Kevin, meanwhile, is two years younger and playing as well as ever. His decision to retire was more of a shock.

But Trevor respects and understands his former England pal's wish to bow out at the top.

"I'm sure people will be thinking Kevin could play on for a while yet and he probably could, but he has always been at the top of his trade and that's the way he wants to be remembered.

"It's a very personal decision and I'm sure Kevin thought long and hard before making up his mind.

"Hopefully, in this his last

'WE'LL BE WAVING GOODBYE AT THE SAME TIME' — TREVOR BROOKING

season, he can help take Newcastle back to the First Division and I'm sure everyone wishes him well for the future.

"It will be difficult for soccer to replace Kevin Keegan because he has earned tremendous respect wherever he has played."

Trevor cast his mind back to Kevin's £500,000 transfer from Liverpool to Hamburg in 1978... and the tremendous success he enjoyed in West Germany where he was twice voted 'European Footballer of the Year'.

"He was the first British player to go abroad and scale such heights and he will always be remembered for that."

Kevin's arrival at Newcastle at the beginning of last season had North East soccer buzzing once again. It filled the fans' hearts with renewed hope of regaining former

glories... and filled the St James' Park terraces.

"Kevin's presence has been reflected in Newcastle's support and I'm sure the fans will be sad to see him go.

"But Kevin is a pretty emphatic person. When his mind is made up, that's it."

At the time of his announcement to retire, Kevin was the target of constant speculation regarding his future. There was much talk of him joining ambitious Portsmouth when his Newcastle contract expired at the end of the season — especially with his family still living in the Hampshire mansion he bought when he joined Southampton from Hamburg in 1980.

Trevor believes the speculation was the reason behind Kevin making his decision public so long

before the season's end.

"Kevin is never one to duck an issue and I believe he wanted to put an end to all the talk about his future."

The England fans of this era will treasure the memory of the delightful Brooking-Keegan understanding at international level.

But sadly, the partnership that so often sparked an England goal was destined never to grace soccer's greatest stage. Both were injured prior to the last World Cup Finals and made just fleeting appearances as substitutes in England's final game.

"I'm sure both Kevin and myself will look back on that with a tinge of regret," says Trevor.

"People often say we had a certain understanding when we played together for England but I believe it was a credit to Kevin's enthusiasm and application.

"It's strange in a way to think we will both be waving goodbye to football at the same time.

"But I will be re-newing my partnership with Kevin... on the golf course!"

SOCCER SAYS FAREWELL TO KING

FEW players in the history of soccer have made the same kind of impact on the game as Kevin Keegan.

Loved by the fans and respected by his fellow professionals wherever he has played, the former England skipper will be sadly missed when he retires at the end of the season.

In this 'Match' special, his team-mates past and present pay their own personal tributes to the man who has won the hearts of millions the world over...

'WEAR THE RED OF LIVERPOOL AGAIN, KEV' — PHIL NEAL

he'll be sadly missed. The 'wee man' is a great advert for the game.

"Everyone knocks football but there's no-one around at the moment who has contributed more to the game.

"His biggest asset on the field is his battling qualities. He just never gives up and his bubbling enthusiasm is an inspiration to the players around him."

Missed

"I don't expect him to change his mind about retiring because he's the sort of person who sticks by his guns, but I'm sure he'll feel the urge to put on his boots again after a few months out in the cold.

"It would be great if someone could persuade him to stay in the game because there's no doubt

KEEGAN FACT FILE

Born: Doncaster, Feb. 14, 1951. Honours: European Cup, UEFA Cup and FA Cup winners' medals, three League Championships, two 'European Footballer of the Year' awards, one West German League Championship.

Internationals: 63 England caps and 21 goals.

Football League, FA and League Cup appearances and goals:

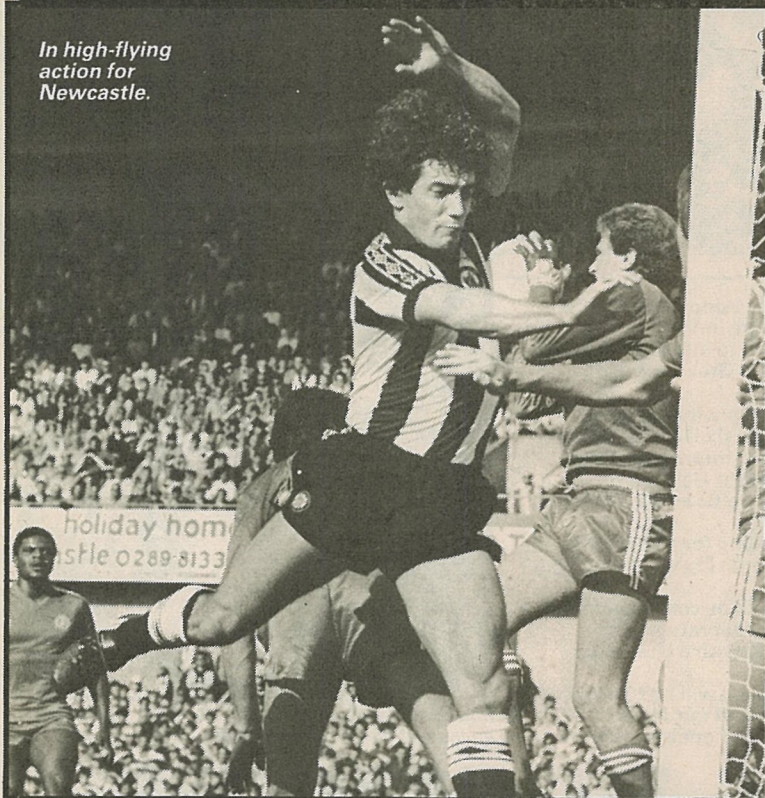
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'AN EXAMPLE TO ALL'

—MIKE CHANNON

MIKE Channon mourned the decision of his old pal and admitted: "Football can't afford to lose people like Kevin Keegan.

The revitalised striker who is enjoying an Indian Summer at Norwich, says: "There aren't enough players around like him.

"It's a great shame that he has decided to quit at the end of the season. It will be a big loss to the game, because he epitomises everything that is good about it.

"I still rate him as one of the best strikers in country but he always said he wanted to pull out while he was at the top.

"He didn't want to end up playing in the lower divisions and being kicked around by people who weren't worthy of lacing his boots when he was at his best.

"I don't see it that way because I'll play on the village green to get a game," says Mike, who partnered Kevin in the Southampton attack for two seasons and played with him in the same England side nearly 30 times.

"Kevin is totally dedicated and one of the hardest trainers I've come across. His attitude is an example to all."

Right: England, my England. All hugs after a goal.



'A GREAT AMBASSADOR' — JOEY JONES

JOEY Jones will always cherish playing alongside the man he describes as "one of the greatest ambassadors of the game Britain has known."

Adds the Chelsea full-back: "It will fill me with pride to be able to tell my kids that I played in the same team as Kevin Keegan.

"He has been a model professional and his contribution to the game over the years has been immense. His absence will be a great loss.

"He is as good a player today as he was during his time at Liverpool when I was privileged to experience his skill and ability at first hand."

KEVIN



'HIS SKILL HAS RUBBED OFF ON EVERY PLAYER AT NEWCASTLE' — CHRIS WADDLE

CHRIS Waddle, one of Kevin Keegan's striking partners at Newcastle, doesn't bear to contemplate the future in 'Geordieland' without the former England skipper.

As the long-striding winger says: "Who is there around with the same influence on and off the field as Kevin?"

"I certainly won't envy the man who has to take his place next season.

"He's completely transformed the club and brought back the fans to St James' Park.

"I think his enthusiasm and skill has rubbed off on every player at

the club and I just hope we can provide him with the ideal going away present... promotion to the First Division.

"I don't think his decision at this stage of the season has added any more pressure.

"With him in the side there is always pressure because teams are that more determined to beat you.

"I suppose we all expected that he would be on his way at the end of the season. He possibly made his decision at this time to end all the speculation about his future.

"There had been a lot of talk about him joining Portsmouth and I think he was sick of all the rumours."

Chris respects Kevin's decision to retire even though it comes as a real body blow to Newcastle's bid to recapture former glories.

"I believe there is still plenty of football left in Kevin, but you've got to respect the man's decision," he says.

"Like the players, I think the fans half-expected him to depart at the end of the season.

"He'll always be remembered on Tyneside, but if we get promoted to the First Division and do well next season, then there'll be no reaction from the fans."

'HE HAD SPECIAL SKILLS' — ALAN BALL

ENGLAND World Cup hero Alan Ball, who played top class football until the grand old age of 38, believes Kevin Keegan is right to go.

Even though the Newcastle skipper is quitting five years earlier than himself, 'Bally' says: "He has set himself high standards throughout his career and has probably seen himself slipping from those.

"When the personal warning lights start flashing, you know it's time to retire.

"Kevin still has something to offer but he's not satisfied with second best. He wants to go out at the top," says the former Everton, Arsenal and Southampton midfield star.

"Striker is a very very hard position to play because you take a lot of knocks. Perhaps he didn't want to take the punishment any more."

Alan, who is currently youth team coach at Portsmouth, played alongside Kevin at The Dell and he says: "We had a great understanding.

"We always used to joke that if he went on one of his runs down the middle, I'd be able to find him in the dark.

"Many people called him a manufactured player because his game was based on running, but that's wrong. It takes a special skill to have an engine that can keep going and know where the ball is going to land."

How good is your school team?

GREAT news for all schoolboy soccer players!

This week sees the launch of a super new schools soccer feature in which we ask the question: Are you a team of back-achers or a team of net-bulgers?

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The STEVE PERRYMAN story

THE Spurs skipper is telling all about his managers, his team-mates and many of the game's top personalities — EXCLUSIVE!

It's a remarkable story coming some 15 years and 750 first team games after he made his Spurs debut as a wide-eyed 17-year-old.

Thrown

REACHING the Final of the UEFA Cup in 1972 should have been one of the most exciting moments of my career.

Instead it was a disappointing anti-climax.

Spurs had just drawn 1-1 with star-studded AC Milan in the heady atmosphere of the San Siro stadium to win the Semi-Final 3-2 on aggregate.

Left: Steve Perryman — blasted two long-range goals against UEFA Cup rivals AC Milan.

But as we celebrated in the changing room afterwards, news came through that Wolves had also won in East Germany and that we were to meet them in the Final.

CHEERS FOR CHIVERS

SPURS' most vital player during the glory years of the early Seventies was Martin Chivers.

His goals were the mainstay of the team during that four-year spell.

And his knack of scoring on the big occasion brought trophies to White Hart Lane.

Yet, though Martin had a great touch for a big man, some of his team-mates felt he was not physical enough for his size.

I think our defenders felt that someone as big as him in an opposing forward line would give them a more torrid time.

Mike England was among them and one day the feeling between the two of them spilled over onto the training pitch.

I believe Mike was testing him out and Martin had a go back. The tackling got rough but Martin

proved a point.

It was felt if he could stand up against Mike England he could do it against anyone!

Martin also had problems with the crowd, which began when he returned from a knee injury that had kept him out for almost a year.

He received a lot of abuse and I admire the way he overcame it to prove himself.

No-one could knock Martin's record. His 29 goals from 54 games in the 1970/71 season were followed by 44 from 64 games the following year.

His finishing during this period was incredible. Every time he latched onto a through ball you felt like going back to the centre circle for the restart. He was virtually certain to score.

And he seemed to save his best for the vital matches.

His two goals in three minutes won the 1971 League Cup Final when Third Division Aston Villa looked capable of springing a surprise.

The second was a classic. Controlling a high ball, Martin beat two defenders before spinning to score a great solo goal.

Two more of his goals gave us victory over Wolves in the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final the next year.

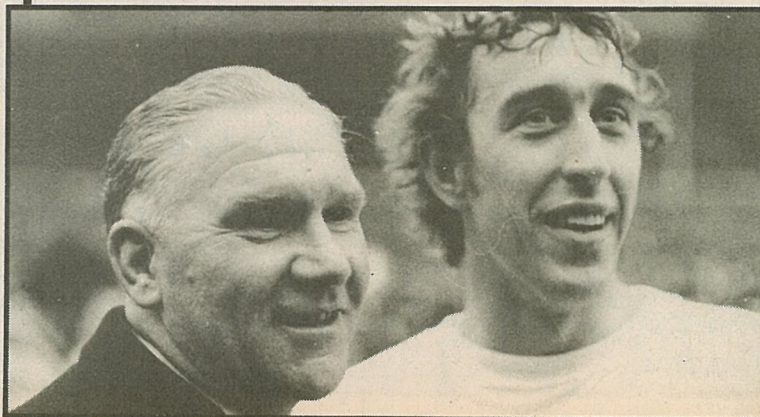
And again the second was memorable, Martin running half the pitch before unleashing an unstoppable 30-yarder on the run.

He had supreme confidence in himself, even in tense situations.

I recall a UEFA Cup tie against Vitoria Setubal of Portugal. We had played badly and looked like going out on the away goals rule. Then we were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box.

Despite the pressure, Martin just strode up and whacked the ball into the net. We were through to the next round!

His long throw, usually to the head of Mike England, was also an invaluable ploy. It produced many goals — few more crucial than Ralph Coates' Wembley winner against Norwich in the League Cup Final.



Left: Bill Nicholson celebrates with two-goal hero Martin Chivers following Spurs' victory over Aston Villa in the 1971 League Cup Final.

EDDIE Baily was the quiet man of Tottenham Hotspur.

Assistant manager to Bill Nicholson during our European triumphs, Eddie never received much publicity at the time.

But for me he was slightly better tactically even than Bill himself.

You would often see a vastly improved performance in the second half because of a few words and positional changes made at half-time — usually by Eddie.

Eddie, a member of the famous Spurs push-and-run team of the Fifties, also used to 'scout' our foreign opposition.

To listen to his analysis of a team was an education. We could never fault him after a game.

His tactical awareness was, and still is, his strength. Eddie is now assistant manager at

EDDIE'S AN EDUCATION

West Ham and, when I sat next to him at the game between Hammers and Everton this season, I marvelled at the things he pointed out.

He weighs up a game very quickly and has an uncanny ability to spot where the danger will come from.

Many times we played against better teams with better players, but their thinking off the field never matched ours. Eddie must take much of the credit for that.

Like Bill, Eddie would never accept second best. They believed in team rules and discipline — on and off the pitch — and it was this that enabled them to play so many individuals.

They had sayings such as 'one ball back, the next goes through' and 'the man off the ball makes the play'.

Naturally these could not be stuck to all the time, but in general they were the beliefs our team play was based upon.

Eddie also works for the FA after being brought in by Ron Greenwood to watch England's opposition.

That alone, I feel, is testimony to the ability he showed us during the early Seventies.

to the Wolves!

WHAT A LET-DOWN AFTER MILAN GLORY

The fact that another English team had matched our achievement almost devalued what we had done.

No disrespect to Wolves, but after getting a result against Rivera, Schnellinger and company in front of 60,000 partisan Italians — firecrackers and all — it was all a bit of a let-down.

I think I felt it more than most. In the home leg against Milan I had scored both our goals in a 2-1 win — one from 20 yards and another from closer to 35 yards.

It was a game when everything went right for me. The Milan hard man, Benetti, had already scored when Alan Gilzean knocked the ball off to me on the edge of the area and I just crashed it in.

My two goals sink Italians

The Italians became even more defensive, but then the ball danced out to me outside the box and I volleyed it straight back past their 'keeper.

If my first goal was a 10-1 shot the second one must have been 50-1! But against such a packed defence it was the only way we were going to score.

Part of the excitement of playing European football is meeting different players and styles. We had played Wolves so many times that season already that we knew each other inside out!

So, predictably perhaps, the two-leg Final with Wolves was far from a classic and became known as 'the forgotten final'.

I remember it best as being a personal triumph for Alan Mullery. The former Spurs skipper had lost his place earlier in the season and had been on loan to his former club Fulham.

But when John Pratt broke his

nose, 'Mullers' was recalled as skipper for our last nine matches, none of which we lost!

In one of his first games back, he scored the vital, only goal of our UEFA Cup Semi-Final in the away leg against AC Milan, but the fairy-tale didn't end there.

After beating Wolves 2-1 at Molineux, Alan scored what turned out to be the Final winner in a 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane.

At the end of the match — his last for Spurs — fans carried him shoulder-high, clutching the trophy, around the ground. It was a fitting end to his Spurs career.

Alan was always a favourite with the fans. I think it was because he was a natural leader.

His game was all drive and enthusiasm and you could always hear him shouting instructions on the pitch.

As a young player looking on, I saw him as a player apart from the rest. He lived further from the ground than most and he always wore a suit. He was different.

I also sensed that he wasn't popular with some of the players. That was because he always spoke his mind.

If he thought a player wasn't doing his bit he would say so. Some of his team-mates found that hard to take.

But he would also stand up for players if he felt they were getting unwarranted criticism. He was a straight talker. Anything he said he believed in. In my view that is to his credit.

In the summer of 1972, Mullery became the first of the old guard to leave Spurs when he was transferred to Fulham. And when Tottenham travelled to Wembley a year later to face Norwich in the League Cup Final, there were three changes to the team that had beaten Wolves.

Pratt replaced Mullery, England came in for Collins and Pearce was

in place of Neighbour. But it was substitute Ralph Coates who captured the Sunday paper headlines.

His goal, from a knock-on by Peters after a long Chivers throw, was enough to settle the worst Final ever seen at Wembley.

But it is John Pratt, the man who was replaced by Coates after an injury, who comes first to mind when I recall that game.

Poor John had missed the League Cup Final victory over Aston Villa two seasons earlier and also the UEFA win over Wolves. Yet when his time came to share in the glory it lasted only 20 minutes.

Spurs' shame as fans run riot

He was never to have another chance. The win over Norwich put Spurs back in Europe, but our meeting with Dutch aces Feyenoord in the 1974 UEFA Cup Final resulted in the club's first defeat in ten major cup finals spanning 73 years.

A 2-2 draw in the first leg at Spurs wasn't enough. Our early 'goal' in the return leg in Rotterdam was mysteriously disallowed and our 2-0 defeat marked the end of our highly successful run in the early Seventies.

Losing was bad enough, but the disgraceful rioting by Spurs fans during and after the game put a scar on the club's history.

There was no half-time team talk from Bill Nicholson because he went out to appeal to the fans.

Such hooliganism was out of character for the club of which he was so proud, and it was clear when he reappeared in the dressing room that he was deeply hurt.



Alan Mullery — he was apart from the rest and a natural leader but I also sensed he wasn't popular with some of the players.

Spurs' exit from Europe and our disappointing performances in the League, despite our cup successes, obviously had a bearing on his decision to resign.

But even now I believe that the shameful scenes he witnessed that night played a major part in Bill Nicholson's departure.

● Steve Perryman was talking to Melvyn Bagnall.

NEXT WEEK: Life under Terry Neill PLUS what I really think about London rivals Arsenal.



THE GRAEME SOUNESS COLUMN: The Liverpool skipper looks forward to the European Cup clash with Benfica ... and further ahead to an all-Merseyside Milk Cup Final. Plus Mark Lawrenson reveals the 'spy' that can take them to Euro glory.

WHERE EAGLES DARE

THE high-flying 'Eagles' of Benfica swoop on Anfield in a dangerous mood for our European Cup Quarter-Final next week.

The Portuguese side are currently runaway leaders in their country's Championship race. After 18 games they were unbeaten and had dropped just two points, so confidence won't be in short supply.

They have a reputation for being mean in defence. That makes our task of breaking them down in the home tie very difficult. I expect them to play it tight at the back and try to hit us on the break.

We made life difficult for ourselves in the previous round against Athletic Bilbao when we were held to a 0-0 draw in the first leg at Anfield. It was only a marvellous performance in Spain which saved us.

It would be great if we could go into the Benfica return with a few goals under our belts. That would take some of the pressure off us and put the onus on them.

This is the second time in a row we've been drawn at home in the first leg and there's no doubt we'd prefer it the other way round. At least you know what you've got to do at home.

The last time Liverpool met Benfica in the European Cup was back in 1978 — also in the Quarter-Finals — when we beat them 6-2 on aggregate. That year we went on to win the trophy and I hope it's an omen.

I played in the first leg and we were well pleased to return home from Portugal with a 2-1 win under our belts, thanks to goals from

Right: All champagne and smiles from Everton trio John Bailey (left) Adrian Heath and Graeme Sharp after clinching their place in the Milk Cup Final where they face rivals Liverpool.

Jimmy Case and Emlyn Hughes. I missed the return but the lads didn't really miss me because we swamped them 4-1. Ian Callaghan, Kenny Dalglish, Terry McDermott and Phil Neal were on target that night.

It could be asking too much for us to put on a repeat performance this time round. I'll just be happy to go into the hat for the 'semis'. While we are still chasing a place in the European Cup Final, Wembley beckons us once again following our victory over Walsall last month.

And it's great to hear that we'll be meeting our Merseyside rivals Everton in the Milk Cup Final. That confrontation has set the city of Liverpool buzzing.

It's also added extra spice — if that's possible — to Saturday's derby game against Everton at Goodison Park. What a tremendous atmosphere there promises to be during the dress

rehearsal for our Wembley showdown.

But I wouldn't read too much into the result of the Canon League encounter. It may give the victors an edge in confidence, but we all know the Wembley affair will be a completely different game.

Last season we beat 'The Toffeemen' 5-0 at Goodison Park with Ian Rush scoring four and we've already beaten them 3-0 this season at Anfield.

However Howard Kendall's men will be a completely different

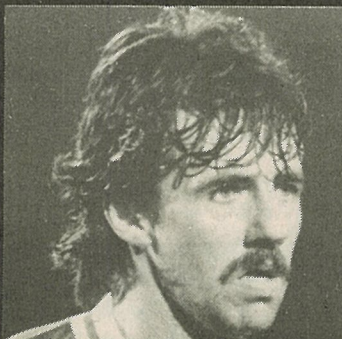
proposition this time. After a tricky start to the season they have hit a purple patch and are playing with so much confidence.

That should make for a cracking game.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Liverpool's secret agent



Mark Lawrenson — has a spy in Portugal.

A FORMER Liverpool rival has turned ally to help the English Champions secure a place in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup. Ex-Everton striker Mike Walsh, now playing in Portugal for FC Porto, has been acting as an Anfield 'spy' on the eve of their Quarter-Final clash with Benfica.

And he's been keeping his close friend and Eire international colleague Mark Lawrenson posted with reports on the Portuguese League leaders.

Says Liverpool's majestic central defender: "Like most people, we didn't know too much about Benfica but Mike has given us an

idea of the task facing us.

"I spoke to him soon after the draw was made and he said they will provide a stern test for us, which is nothing less than we expected at this stage.

"He says they are by far the best team in Portugal at the moment and their chief coach and former player Eusebio places the emphasis very much on attack.

"Mike has also told me that Benfica have a number of excellent, individual players... the majority of whom make up the national side.

"And with Portugal having reached the Finals of the European Championship, it gives us a clear idea of the strength of the side we're going to come up against."

The once-mighty club have been in the doldrums as far as European success is concerned and haven't reached the final of a major competition since 1968 — when they were beaten by Manchester United in the European Cup.

But now, under the guidance of their one-time playing hero Eusebio, Benfica are hoping to turn back the clock and revive the glory years of the 1960's.

It's Liverpool that stand in their way and Mark promises no favours. "They will have to produce something special to beat us over two legs," he says defiantly.

The Merseyside giants took their place in the Quarter-Finals thanks to a battling performance against the Spanish club Athletic Bilbao in the last round... against all the odds.

On level terms after the first leg at Anfield, they went to Bilbao and silenced the partisan crowd by coming away with a well-deserved 1-0 victory.

Says Mark: "That was probably one of our best performances of the season and if we can show the same character and commitment against Benfica we ought to have no worries."

Are you the first lucky winner?

EYES down and 'GO FOR GOAL' — you could be the first lucky winner of the big prize game exclusive to 'Match' readers!

The second and final set of grid references for the first game — MATCH 1 — appear on the right of this page.

Check them against your 'GO FOR GOAL' card and if you can correctly claim a 'Clear Pitch' (see HOW TO PLAY) ring the hot-line telephone number (see HOW TO CLAIM).

You can win any one of the following fantastic prizes . . .

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And there are consolation prizes too for everyone who correctly claims a 'Clear Pitch'.

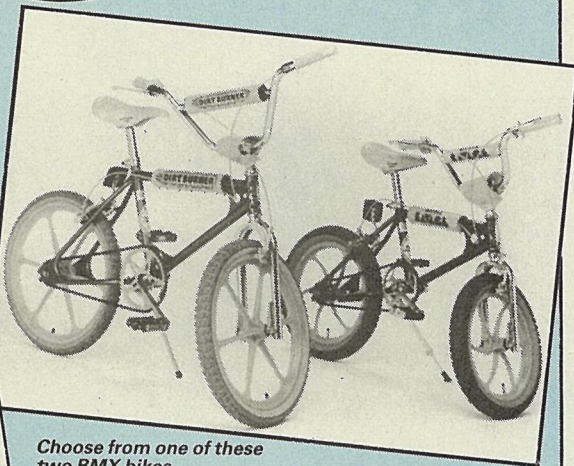
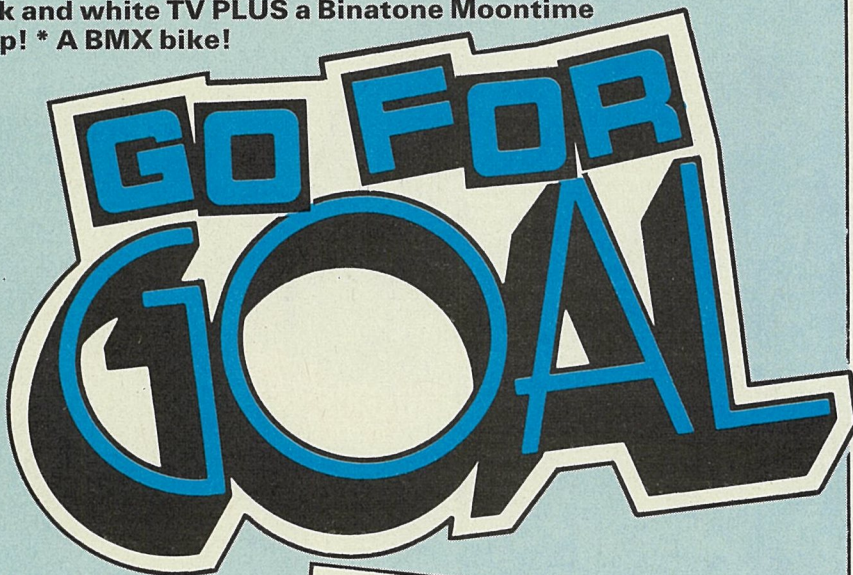
But if you are not a winner this time don't worry — there will be lots more chances in the coming weeks.

The 'GO FOR GOAL' card which came FREE with last week's issue of 'Match' lasts for a further 14 weeks.

So there are seven more games to come with a winner every fortnight.

Keep that card safe because that means another 14 weeks of fun!

Next week sees the start of a brand new game — MATCH 2.



Choose from one of these two BMX bikes.



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'GO FOR GOAL' CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

YOU can obtain one for yourself, relative or friend, simply by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to 'GO FOR GOAL' cards, EMAP Marketing Department, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DZ.

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But 'Match' is selling out fast in the shops so make sure you are not disappointed by ordering a regular copy from your newsagent.

There's a special order form on Page 34 of this week's issue.

'GO FOR GOAL' is a great fun game with even greater prizes so tell your friends! Remember a new game starts next week!

MATCH 1 YOUR FINAL GRID

HOW TO PLAY

1. Your 'Go For Goal' card has eight different games marked on it. Each game has a pitch with 21 footballs — all you have to do is knock them all into the goal. BUT — you can only shoot with the balls located in the grid squares printed each week in Match Weekly!
2. If any of the grid references printed in Match coincide with the location of a football on your pitch, cross out that ball — it's in the net! When you have crossed out all the balls on a pitch, ring Match and claim 'Clear Pitch'! Each game lasts for two weeks, so always make sure the pitch you are using corresponds to the game currently being played.

HOW TO CLAIM

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3. When checking your card, begin with the top grid references of the column and work down. When you have crossed off the final ball make a note of the last grid reference you used — you will be asked this when you telephone.
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 - a) Which team won the Second Division Championship last season (1982-83)?
 - b) Which team won the FA Cup in 1983?
 - c) Who were runners-up in the 1983 FA Cup Final?
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MATCH 2 STARTS NEXT WEEK

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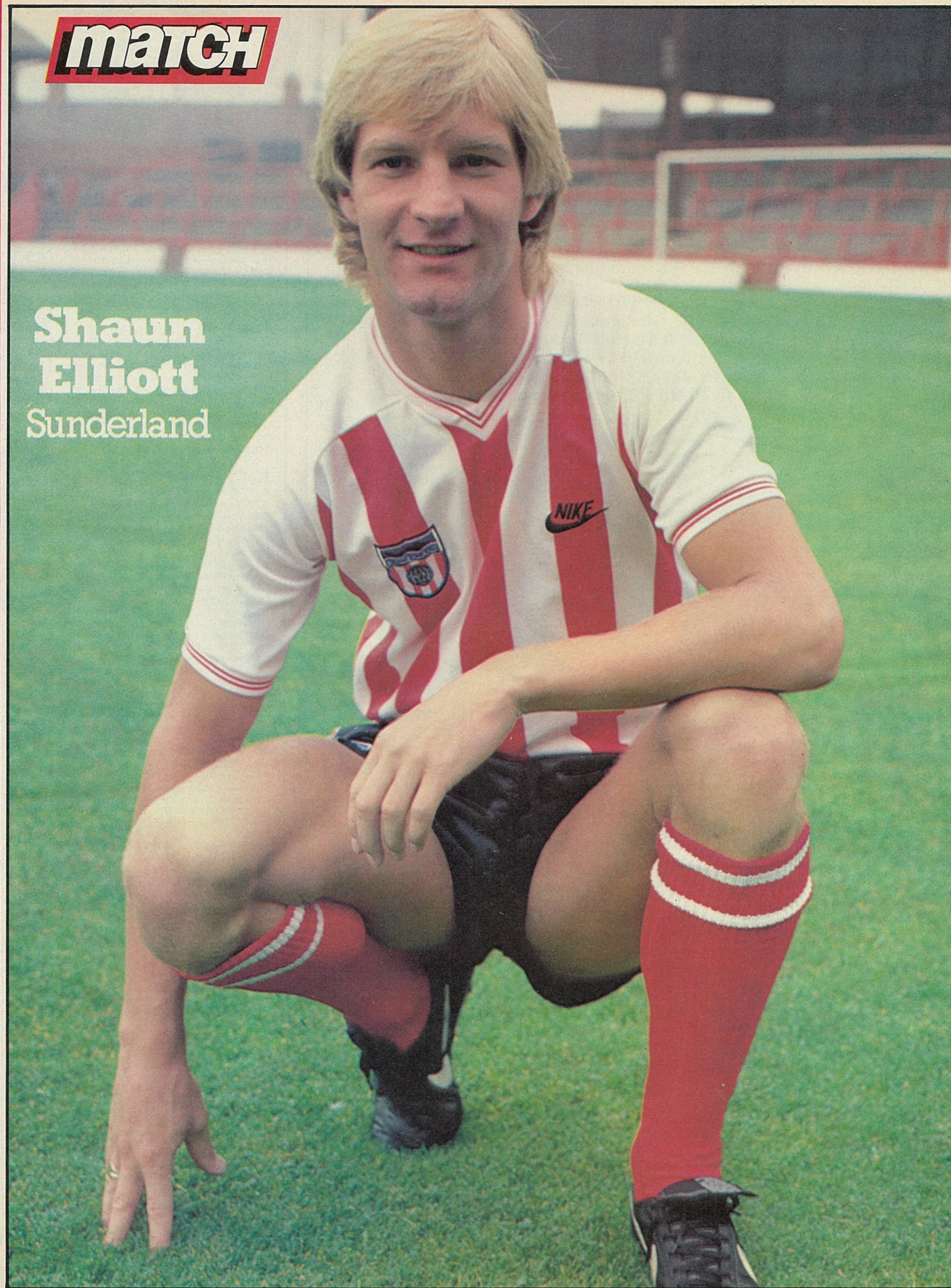
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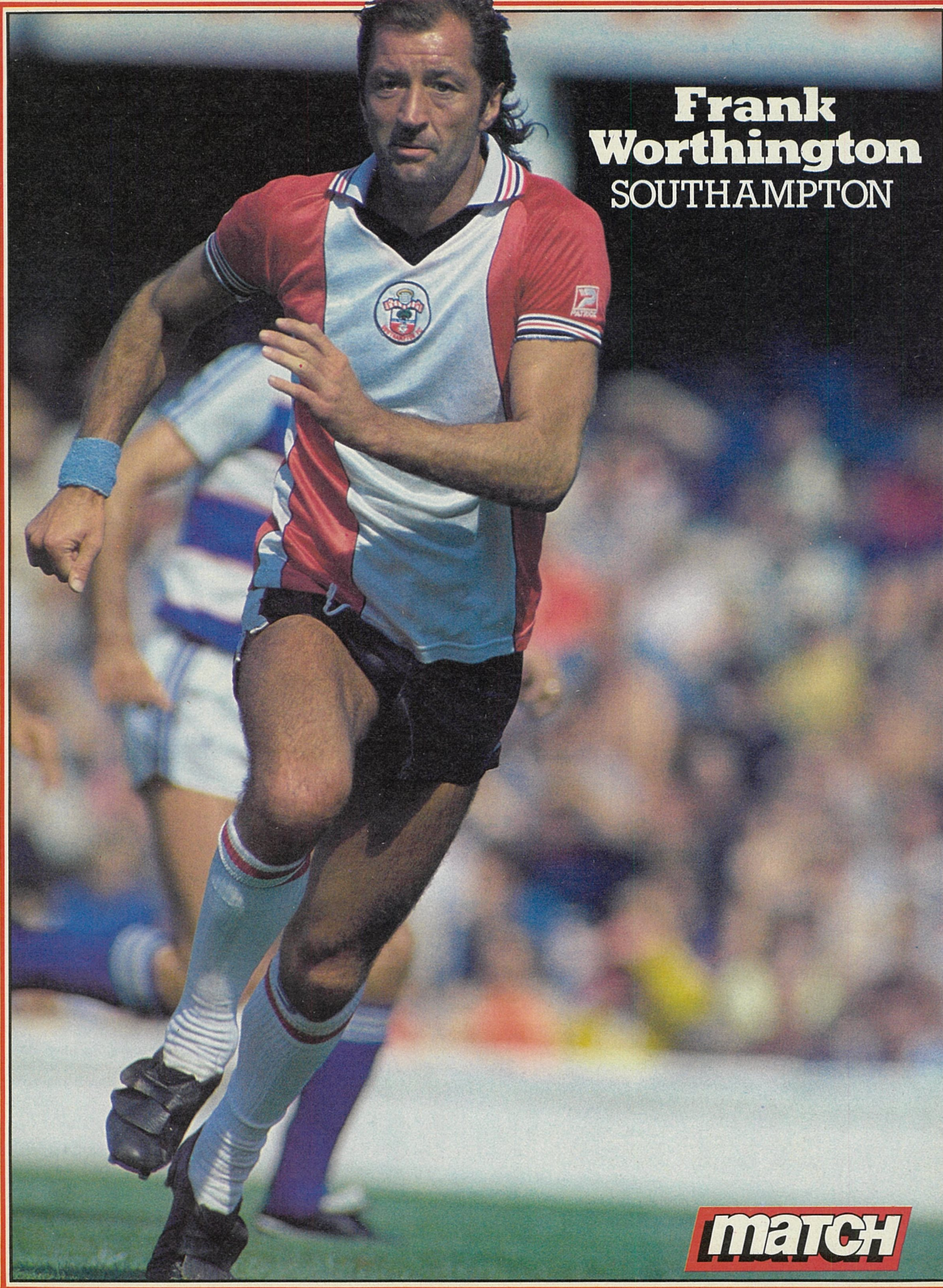
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**Shaun
Elliott**
Sunderland



A full-page photograph of Frank Worthington, a footballer, in action. He is wearing a Southampton kit consisting of a white V-neck jersey with red sleeves and a red and white striped collar, black shorts, and white socks with red and blue stripes at the top. He is running on a green pitch, looking towards the camera with a determined expression. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium. The entire image is framed by a red border.

**Frank
Worthington**
SOUTHAMPTON

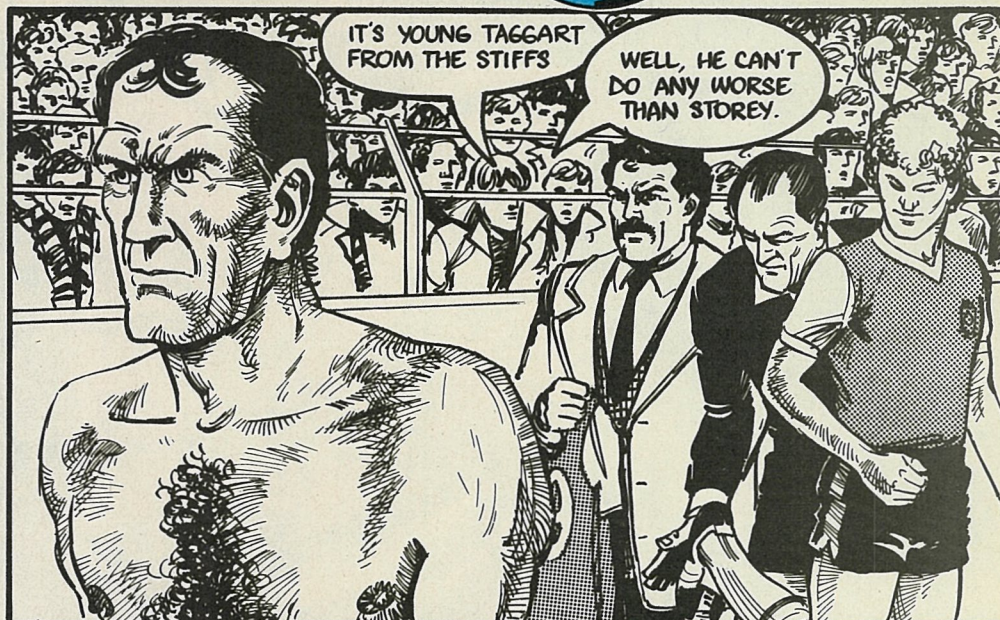
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Cannon

HARRY Cannon has given his Stanton Town players a half-time tongue-lashing for their inept first half display against Peterborough United.

A goal down, Stanton's slide down the Fourth Division table looks like continuing. And veteran striker Joe Storey, guilty of some glaring misses in front of goal, has shown his disgust at being substituted by hurling his shirt at Harry.

The Stanton manager's return from suspension looks like getting off to a bad start . . . unless young substitute Jimmy Taggart can spark a Stanton revival.



Taggart gets an early touch as he takes a pass from Nick Cannon—only to be hit by a fair but bone-jarring challenge from Neil Firm.

Minutes later the young striker's nerve is tested in a 50-50 challenge.



Skipper Adge Tarrant shouts encouragement as Taggart wins the ball and sends a thoughtful pass into the path of Brian Howlett, whose deep run has caught the Posh defence square.

YAHOOOO!
NICELY PLAYED,
JIMMY BOY!

Spurred on by that goal, Stanton begin to dominate, and after a great solo run by Nick, Jimmy Taggart is on hand to side-foot his pass into the net to cap a fairy-tale debut.

GOOALL!

And in the dying seconds of the game Brian Howlett is again on hand to score his second goal - a header from Andy Barnes' corner.

Harry holds the customary after-match press conference in his office

WILL TAGGART RETAIN HIS PLACE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S GAME AT SWINDON?

SCORING ONE GOAL AND MAKING ANOTHER IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME - TAGGART WILL BE IN THE SIDE.

WHAT ABOUT JOE STOREY?

STOREY WILL BE FINED AND DISCIPLINED FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR. AFTER THAT IT'S UP TO HIM TO PROVE I CAN'T LEAVE HIM OUT. NO-ONE IS GUARANTEED A PLACE AT THIS CLUB.

Meanwhile Stanton's players celebrate their return to form in the players' bar:

A GREAT GAME, LADS. CHEERS!

CHEERS, SAM.

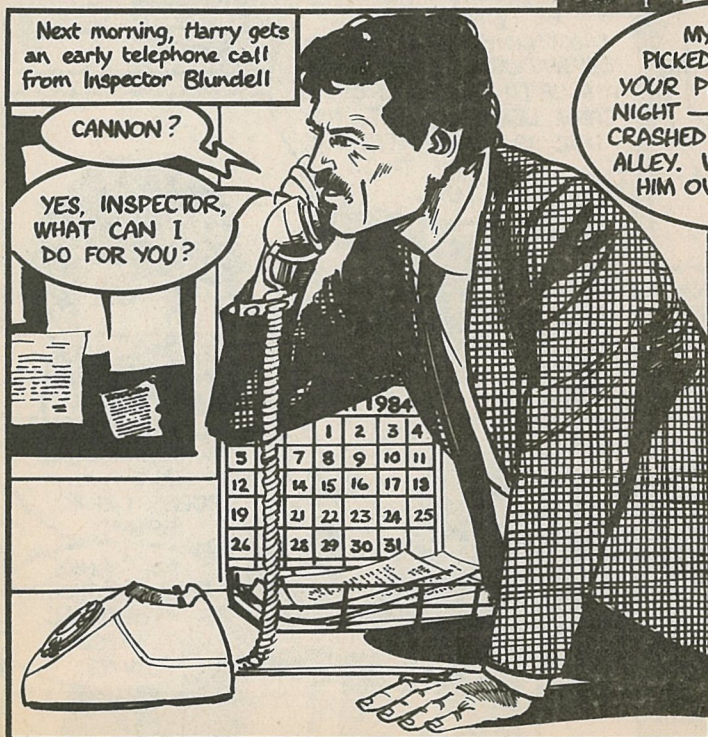
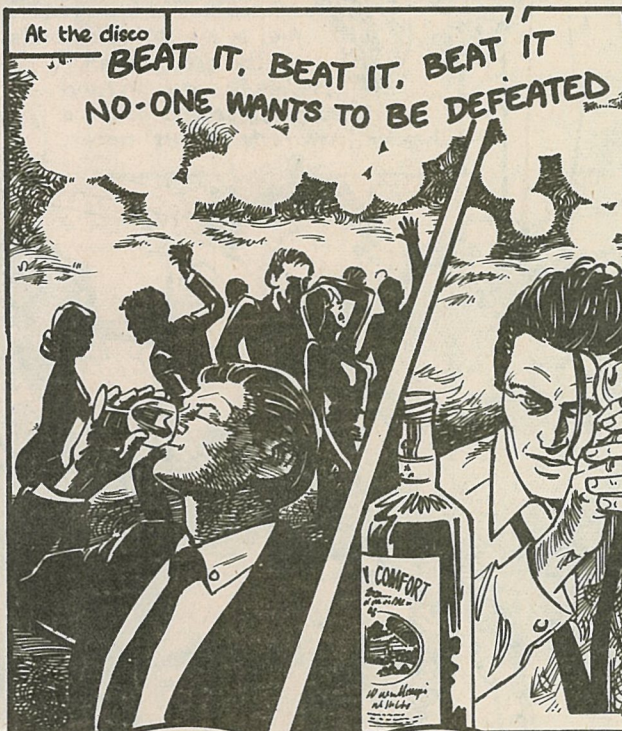
AAHH! LOOK OUT, TONSILS, HERE COMES A TREAT.

IF YOU ALL GO AROUND GRINNING LIKE THIS YOU'LL GET WEATHER-BEATEN TEETH!

GET RID OF THAT ORANGE JUICE AND HAVE A PROPER DRINK, BRIAN.

NO, THANKS, PHIL. I'M STRICTLY TEETOTAL THESE DAYS

DRAWN BY RON TINNER



NEXT WEEK: Stanton centre-half Brian Howlett goes missing . . . and Harry has to track him down.

By Anthony Hawkswell

GIANT car city Detroit, bustling international trade centre Hong Kong and the quaint English seaside town of Torquay were just three of the stopping-off points on Jim Hagan's incredible journey to the First Division.

The Birmingham defender has had to travel half-way across the globe in a bid to establish himself since being plucked from Irish League side Larne by Coventry back in November 1977.

In just over four years at Highfield Road he made only 12 League appearances and was loaned to three clubs on different continents before finally being given a free transfer by Dave Sexton.

The Irishman says: "I always had faith in my ability — I just needed the chance to prove myself. Ron Saunders gave me that chance and I'll always be grateful to him."

The adventures of LUCKY JIM

The controversial 'Blues' manager snapped him up at the beginning of last season and Jim hasn't looked back since. His form up until he suffered a broken cheekbone in December has pushed him to the brink of his first full cap for Northern Ireland.

And Jim says: "At long last my career seems to be going the right way. It's been a long battle but all the waiting has been worthwhile."

Jim was a late entrant into the Football League. He was working as a shipping clerk at his home in Monkstown when former Coventry manager Gordon Milne waved a £10,000 cheque in Larne's direction and finally persuaded the 21-year-old to try his luck in England.

The former Northern Ireland youth international had been chased by top clubs since leaving school, but he wasn't tempted to cross the Irish Sea and even turned down Manchester United.

He says: "I spent a couple of weeks at Old Trafford and played in a few reserve games. It was down to me whether I signed or not. In the end I decided against it because I was happy in my job and playing part-time for Larne."

"I never regretted the decision until I actually signed for Coventry and realised what I had been missing."

The big breakthrough at Coventry never materialised for Jim and he says: "It wasn't much fun. I reached the stage where my career was going downhill."

Jim never got an extended run in the first team and was handed out to Detroit Express in America, Seiko of Hong Kong and Fourth Division Torquay.

"The move to America was suggested by Coventry chairman Jimmy Hill. At the time he had some tie-up with the club. They were struggling and needed players."

He flew out with team-mates Jim Holton, Mark Hateley, Gary Bannister and Don Nardiello. Says Jim: "It was cheap labour really because Coventry paid my wages while I was out there."

Next stop for the full-back was Hong Kong and Jim admits: "I thoroughly enjoyed myself out there because, for the first time in my career, I was playing in a successful team."

"Although the standard of football was nothing to write home about, it was great to be involved with a winning team. I picked up a Championship medal and a couple of other cup winners' medals."

When he was released by Coventry he had a chance to return to Hong Kong and he says: "I turned down a lot of money because I was determined to make the grade in England."

The 27-year-old believes that his chances at Coventry were hampered by Jimmy Hill and claims that the television personality was behind the decision to give him a free transfer.

He says: "I had a few arguments with Jimmy Hill."

Birmingham City defender Jim Hagan: "At last my career seems to be going the right way. It's been a long battle but all the waiting has been worthwhile."



HAGAN'S WORLD TOUR STOPS AT BIRMINGHAM

He pulled the strings at Coventry. Manager Dave Sexton didn't have full control.

"Jimmy made all the big decisions and decided who played or not. Dave Sexton wanted me to stay at the club but the retained list was drawn up by Jimmy Hill and a few others."

"One of the main reasons Coventry are doing so well this season is because Jimmy Hill is out of the picture altogether. He's not involved with the club and Bobby Gould is able to do his job properly."

"Being given a free transfer hit me like a thunderbolt. It frightened me because I just didn't know what was around the corner."

"It's ironic that it turned out to be the best thing that could have happened to me. Within a couple of days I was a Birmingham player."

Jim started his career as a central defender but it's the full-back berth he has made his own at St Andrews — so much so that Ron Saunders is prepared to sell Eire star David Langan.

"I prefer to play in the centre of defence and started my Birmingham career there until Dave suffered an injury. I stepped in and it has been my regular position ever since."

Last season Jim made 29 League appearances and was a regular in the line-up until he fractured his

cheekbone against Arsenal.

He's now a regular member of the Northern Ireland squad and would have won his first cap against Austria in Belfast last year had it not been for an Achilles tendon injury.

He explains: "Jimmy Nicholl had to pull out because his club, Toronto Blizzard, wouldn't release him for the game. I expected to get the call-up until I pulled a muscle in training."

"Leicester's Paul Ramsey got the job and he's figured in all of Billy Bingham's plans since then," says Jim, who was first called up for the British Championship while he was at Larne in 1978.

Since then he's been included in four squads and he says: "My international career is following the same unpredictable path as my domestic career."

Meanwhile Jim is battling to get back into a Birmingham side that has undergone a revival since the turn of the year. He admits: "I face a tough task getting my place back from young Mark McGarrick. He's done a great job since taking over from me, but I'm used to battling."

Birmingham have emerged as a dark horse in the race to Wembley for an FA Cup Final place and Jim admits: "We've got a great chance of going all the way."

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PLAYER GAME

STUDY the following questions and then put the initial letters of each answer in the appropriate boxes to discover the identity of a First Division striker.

- 5 and 9 Manchester United's Scottish international full-back.
2 and 11 Liverpool striker who came from Middlesbrough.
3 and 7 Fulham's former West Ham midfielder.
1 and 8 Aston Villa and Scotland defender.
4 and 6 Middlesbrough defender formerly with Newcastle.
10 Surname of Chelsea midfielder who came from Stoke.

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HERE'S your chance to chop the champ!
Our own Melvyn Beck is the greatest for soccer predictions. See whether you can make our champ a champ!
Each week he'll be selecting ten of Saturday's fixtures in England and Scotland.
The Champ will predict his results and there'll be a space for you to fill in your forecasts and a column for the actual result.
Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw).
Carry the points totals forward each week and at the end of the season you'll discover whether you've managed to 'Beat Beck'. Bet you can't!

Saturday, March 3

Aston Villa v Man. United	Champ's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Everton v Liverpool	1-1		
Luton v QPR	0-0		
Barnsley v Sheff. Wed	2-1		
Grimsby v Portsmouth	0-2		
Port Vale v Brentford	1-0		
Bury v Colchester	2-0		
York v Bristol City	1-2		
Dundee United v Celtic	2-1		
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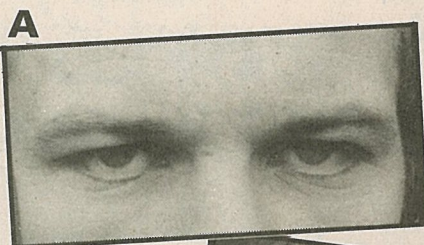
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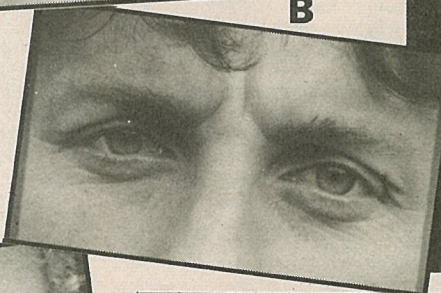
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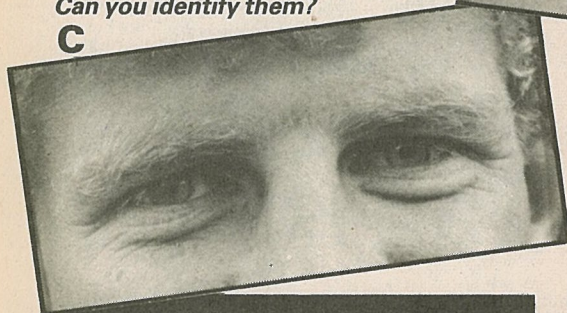


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HERE are three pairs of eyes belonging to famous players. Can you identify them?

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SOLUTIONS

TARTAN TEASER: 1. John Robertson; 2. Dundee United; 3. Pat Bonner; 4. Toronto Blizzard; 5. St. Mirren; 6. Aberdeen.
TOP TEN QUIZ: 1. George Reilly and Mo Johnston (Watford); 2. Ewood Park; 3. Nottingham Forest; 4. Paul Hilton; 5. Luther Blissett; 6. Mansfield; 7. Bury; 8. Steve Moran; 9. Frank McLintock; 10. Hamburg.
THE EYES HAVE IT: A — Andy Gray (Everton); B — Mike Thomas (Chelsea); C — Tommy Caton (Huddersfield Town).
MATCH OF THE DAY: Tranmere Rovers v Arsenal.
MATCH 'EM UP: 1 — D; 2 — A; 3 — F; 4 — E; 5 — B; 6 — C.
MATCH WEEKLY UP: 1 — D; 2 — A; 3 — F; 4 — E; 5 — B; 6 — C.

MATCH OF THE DAY

UNRAVEL the jumbled letters to discover the two teams playing in the Match of the Day.

SEVEN ARM TERROR
v
FIDDLED SHOWER NUT

MATCH 'EM UP

MATCH the players on the left with the descriptions of the goals for which they are well remembered:

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|----------------|---|
| 1 Jimmy Case | A v Manchester United, League Cup, 1979 |
| 2 Glenn Hoddle | B v Brighton, FA Cup Final, 1983 |
| 3 Alan Kennedy | C v Manchester City, Division One, 1983 |
| 4 Peter Withe | D v Manchester United, FA Cup Final, 1977 |
| 5 Ray Wilkins | E v Bayern Munich, European Cup Final, 1982 |
| 6 Raddy Antic | F v Real Madrid, European Cup Final, 1981 |

TARTAN TEASER

- Who is the young Hearts striker very much in the news?
- Which Premier Division club plays at Tannadice Park?
- What is the name of Celtic's Eire goalkeeper?
- For which Canadian club does Rangers full back Jimmy Nicholl play in the summer?
- Who are nicknamed the 'Buddies'?
- Who are the current holders of the Scottish Cup?

TOP TEN QUIZ

ARE you a soccer super brain? Score 8-10 excellent; 6-8 good; 4-6 average; below 4 keep reading 'Match'.

- Which First Division striking partnership are known as 'Little and Large'?
- Where do Blackburn Rovers play their home games?
- From which club did midfielder Danny Wilson join Brighton?
- Who is the former Bury player now at West Ham?
- Who was the leading scorer in the First

- Division last season?
- Which club plays at Field Mill?
- Who are nicknamed the 'Shakers'?
- Who scored Southampton's last minute winner in the FA Cup Fourth Round tie at Portsmouth?
- Who is the new manager of Brentford?
- Who are the current holders of the European Cup?

ROCK-STEADY defender Willie Miller is number one in the granite city of Aberdeen.

The stony-faced 'Dons' skipper is setting the perfect example to his Pittodrie crew as he leads the race to find Scotland's most consistent performer.

Not surprisingly, in view of the club's fine season, Aberdeen players dominate our exclusive 'top ten' chart.

But it's Willie who is setting the pace ahead of team-mate and 'Match' columnist Gordon Strachan as the 'Dons' chase trophies on four fronts.

And Gordon says: "As far as I'm concerned, Willie is the perfect professional. His consistency is incredible. I haven't seen him play a bad game for over three years.

"And that's great for players around him like Alex McLeish. Alex knows that he can get on with his own job without having to worry about the performance of his partner.

"Willie is the best penalty box defender around and I would take him to beat anyone in a one-against-one situation.

"As a skipper, he leads by example. He doesn't go overboard with the shouting, although he'll let fly if he thinks the

Willie Miller — "I haven't seen him play a bad game for three years," says his team-mate Gordon Strachan.

occasion deserves it."

Gordon's own performances must have added a couple of noughts to his valuation should he decide to leave Pittodrie when his contract expires at the end of the season, and he admits: "I'm delighted with the way things have gone for me.

"Obviously there's always room for improvement, but manager Alex Ferguson has been happy with my form and that's what really matters."

But Willie is not the only captain showing his team-mates the way.

Middlesbrough skipper Irving Natrass is currently tops for consistency in the English Second Division.

Irving has been a major figure in manager Malcolm Allison's rebuilding job at Ayresome Park and leads a side that had conceded only 29 goals in 27 games

HALF TERM REPORT

CONTINUING our 'Match Facts' guide to the season's most consistent performers...

Last week we focused on the English First Division and now we spotlight the other three divisions in England plus the Scottish Premier.

ROCK ON, WILLIE!

Miller shows true grit

at the time of writing.

Imre Varadi — like Irving an ex-Newcastle player — leads the chasing pack as his goals keep Sheffield Wednesday very much in the hunt for promotion.

Then come Chelsea's dynamic duo Pat Nevin, newly-signed from Scottish club Clyde this season, and ex-miner David Speedie — two players very much involved in the Londoners' fight to reclaim their top flight status.

Goalkeepers rule the roost in Division Three with Preston's Peter Litchfield currently winning the race from Port Vale's experienced Barry Siddall.

Peter has been outstanding in a Preston side that is gradually pulling away from the relegation zone, while Barry, who had a spell on loan to Blackpool earlier this

season, is bidding to save Vale from the dreaded drop into Division Four.

Then comes the Southend connection with the club's Ron Pountney in third place followed by two former 'Shrimpers' in Sheffield United winger Colin Morris and Millwall's Anton Otulakowski.

York scoring duo John Byrne and Keith Walwyn lead the way in Division Four — the pair having hit more than 30 goals between them this season as York chase the Fourth Division Championship.

THE player ratings in each of our 'Top Ten' tables are based on marks awarded to individual players in our weekly 'Match Facts' service. Only League games have been used in compiling the tables.

DIVISION TWO TOP TEN

	Average rating
1 Irving Natrass (Middlesbro).....	7.36
2 Imre Varadi (Sheff. Wed.).....	7.33
3 Pat Nevin (Chelsea).....	7.30
4 David Speedie (Chelsea).....	7.27
5 Ross MacLaren (Shrewsbury).....	7.25
6 Gary Megson (Sheff. Wed.).....	7.24
7 Chris Waddle (Newcastle).....	7.16
8 Kevin Keegan (Newcastle).....	7.12
9 Vince Hilaire (C. Palace).....	7.09
10 George Wood (C. Palace).....	7.08

DIVISION THREE TOP TEN

1 Peter Litchfield (Preston).....	7.56
2 Barry Siddall (Port Vale).....	7.38
3 Ron Pountney (Southend).....	7.31
4 Colin Morris (Sheff. United).....	7.28
5 Anton Otulakowski (Millwall).....	7.20
6 Tommy Hutchison (Burnley).....	7.12
7 Peter Houghton (Preston).....	7.06
8 Billy Askew (Hull).....	7.06
9 Dave Mehmet (Gillingham).....	7.04
9 John Aldridge (Newport).....	7.04
9 Mike Barrett (Bristol Rovers).....	7.04

DIVISION FOUR TOP TEN

	Average rating
1 John Byrne (York).....	7.52
2 Keith Walwyn (York).....	7.33
3 Ian Snodin (Doncaster).....	7.17
4 Tony Lowery (Mansfield).....	7.12
5 Steve Wignall (Colchester).....	7.05
6 Colin Greenall (Blackpool).....	7.04
7 Ian McDonald (Aldershot).....	7.03
8 Alan Birch (Chesterfield).....	7.00
8 Colin Douglas (Doncaster).....	7.00
8 Mel Pejic (Hereford).....	7.00

SCOTTISH PREMIER TOP TEN

1 Willie Miller (Aberdeen).....	7.55
2 Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen).....	7.07
3 Roy Aitken (Celtic).....	6.94
3 Paul McStay (Celtic).....	6.94
5 Peter Weir (Aberdeen).....	6.84
6 Alex McLeish (Aberdeen).....	6.83
7 Henry Smith (Hearts).....	6.80
8 Alex MacDonald (Hearts).....	6.78
9 Sandy Jardine (Hearts).....	6.72
10 Jim Leighton (Aberdeen).....	6.68



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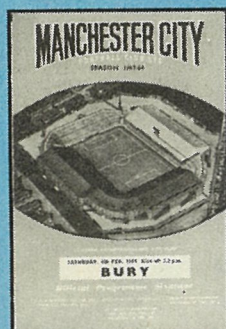
STARTLING STOPPERS

MANCHESTER City goalkeeper Harry Dowd became the toast of Maine Road . . . as a makeshift striker.

His chance of front-line stardom came after he had been forced to leave goal with a hand injury early in the second half.

With no substitutes allowed in 1964, he was told to make a nuisance of himself in the Bury penalty area rather than leave City with ten men.

But he went one better than that. With the crowd cheering his every touch, Harry crowned a remarkable afternoon by grabbing the equaliser with just seven minutes remaining! Incidentally, Bury's 25th minute goal had been scored by an 'unknown' youngster called Colin Bell who two years later was to join City.



EVERY programme tells a story and in 'Programme Parade' this week we spotlight four that bring back memories of some amazing 'keepers' capers . . .

BUT it's not all glory for goalkeepers. Ask former Leeds Welsh international star Gary Sprake who was haunted by a bizarre own goal at Anfield in December 1967.

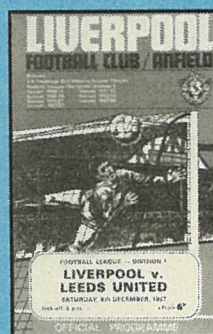
For some inexplicable reason, he hurled the ball into his own goal to present Liverpool with their second goal and two more First Division points.

His moment of horror came after Roger Hunt had given Liverpool an 18th minute lead in the snow.

Just before half-time, Gary comfortably gathered a Gerry Byrne cross and looked set to start another Leeds sortie with a throw to left-back Terry Cooper.

At the moment his arm went back, he noticed Ian Callaghan moving across to mark the England full-back so he tried to clutch the ball to his chest . . . promptly scooping the greasy ball straight round and into his own net!

As if to rub salt in the wounds, the record playing on the tannoy system at half-time as Gary sat disconsolately in the dressing room was Des O'Connor's 'Careless Hands' . . .



SEVEN years later, the roles were completely reversed at Stamford Bridge when Chelsea's versatile defender David Webb was transformed into a goalkeeping hero.

With both regular goalkeepers injured, the 1970 FA Cup Final match-winner, rose to the challenge by keeping a clean sheet in Chelsea's 2-0 First Division victory over Ipswich on December 27, 1971.

Until big Dave, currently in charge of Fourth Division Torquay, stepped into the breach, manager Dave Sexton faced a real dilemma.

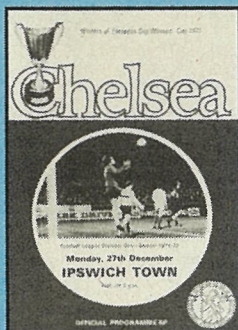
First choice goalie Peter Bonetti was in plaster and his deputy, John Phillips, cried off on the morning of the match with a back injury sustained in the League Cup Semi-Final win over Tottenham five days earlier.

Manager Sexton sent out an SOS for youth team 'keeper Steve Sherwood — now starring for Watford — who was staying with his family in North Yorkshire, but he couldn't make it in time.

So popular Dave donned the jersey and had the 44,000 crowd roaring with laughter by praying at the foot of a post before his ordeal.

Within six minutes he had covered himself in glory with a brilliant save to defy Mick Hill — and, with his defence providing stout resistance, kept Ipswich at bay throughout the ninety minutes.

Steve Kember and Chris Garland scored goals in the second half to enable Dave to leave the field with a win bonus and a job well done.



BUT the memory of 1967 for England's Peter Shilton is far more enjoyable.

It was on October 14 that year that the Southampton star scored his one and only goal in his long and distinguished career.

It came in his early League days with Leicester and his victims were, ironically, his present club Southampton.

Leicester had already put paid to Southampton's unbeaten home record in the First Division with a second half scoring burst.

Goals from Mike Stringfellow (2), John Tewley and Jackie Sinclair had put Leicester into a commanding 4-1 lead at The Dell with just two minutes left.

If that scoreline wasn't enough, Peter added to Southampton's misery with a long clearance that bounced past unhappy 'keeper Campbell Forsyth and into the net.



Dave Webb — you need hands!

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WHEN Stoke took Alan Hudson on loan from Chelsea it was the best thing to happen to the Potteries club this season.

It's ten years since Hudson was last at the Victoria Ground, but from what the fans saw from him in the match against Arsenal, he has lost none of his footballing ability.

Hudson dominated the midfield. He directed the younger players and brought the best out of them. His passing was immaculate. Stoke regulars haven't seen such a commanding performance all season.

One journalist wrote that Hudson has more skill in his big toe than any of today's England regulars combined. He's dead right. Steven Boulton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

● **THE pity is that Hudson hasn't made greater use of his undoubted skills.**

IF Liverpool are the great side most soccer commentators insist they are, why do they persist in pushing their back four up to the half-way line at every opportunity?

This negative tactic means that play is confined to a 20-yard section of the pitch and ruins the game as a spectacle.

Unfortunately, many teams copy Liverpool's ploy and the result has been some drab First Division football this season. Diane Wadsworth, Twickenham, Middlesex.

● **PERHAPS the offside trap will become less popular following Brighton's FA Cup victory over the 'Reds'. The way the seashiders twice pierced Liverpool's square defence with long passes must give Joe Fagan cause for concern.**

THE remarkable fortunes of Coventry City will perhaps persuade more top clubs to look

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Many lower division players have a great deal more ability than they are credited with.

And if a few more top clubs had managers like Bobby Gould, the financial state of the game would be dramatically improved — lower wages at the top, more cash from transfers at the bottom.

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Maybe the following sides would be your choice — maybe not!

THIRD DIVISION: Leigh (Bournemouth), Forrest and Johnson (Rotherham), Stancliffe (Sheffield Utd), Slatter (Bristol Rovers), McCall (Bradford), Cockerill (Lincoln), Godfrey (Orient), Campbell (Bradford), Caldwell (Bolton), Houghton (Preston). Sub: Preece (Walsall).

FOURTH: Naylor (Crewe), Evans (York), Bramhall (Bury), Greenall (Blackpool), Sherlock (Stockport), Quow (Peterborough), Beavon (Reading), Pritchard (Bristol City), Walwyn (York), Walsh (Darlington), Leslie (Colchester). Sub: Evans (Halifax). K. Mitchell, Bradford.

I'D like to say how much 'Match' has improved over the year and I disagree with Steve Tytell who thought 'Cannon' was boring. I think the 'Cannon' cartoon series is excellent.

And I'd like to congratulate 'Match' on the recruitment of Europe's most complete striker, Frank Stapleton, whose story was compulsive reading. I'd like to see Frank as a permanent feature in 'Match'. Mark Hurley (14), Nicosia, Cyprus.

● **THEN you'll be pleased to hear that Frank will be writing a regular column in 'Match'. How's that for service!**

GEOFF Palmer was talking in 'Match' about the Wolves fans and said that the Molineux crowd had seemed to warm to him and were now calling him 'Zico'.

I don't mean to be unkind to Geoff because I believe he has been a great servant to the club, but I reckon the reason he's called 'Zico' is not because he plays like the great Brazilian but he can't kick the ball straight (Zico bends it).

I understand Newcastle fans call Mick Martin 'Zico' for the very same reason!

P. A. Green, Whittlesey, Peterborough.

● **I THOUGHT you said you weren't trying to be unkind.**

I'M annoyed with all the stick Liverpool full-back Phil Neal keeps getting.

Phil has been a tremendous servant to Liverpool and has represented England on numerous occasions. He may not be the most skilful player, but has been chosen as the national team's right-back by successive managers. Nobody has been able to replace him.

I get the chance to watch Phil regularly and last season he was one of the 'Reds' best players. He reads the game well and is accomplished at defending and sparking off Liverpool attacks.

Phil is loyal and honest and a true professional. He should be admired, not criticised. Kevin Fairclough, Whiston, Liverpool.

● **AND from what I've seen, Phil seems to be playing just as well this season.**

SEVERAL young goalkeepers have been tipped to succeed Peter Shilton in the England goal. A survey among my pals resulted in Nigel Spink being chosen as England's next 'keeper. The voting was:

1 Nigel Spink (Aston Villa)	8 votes
2 Chris Woods (Norwich)	7 votes
3 Tony Parks (Tottenham)	5 votes
4 Gary Bailey (Man. Utd.)	3 votes
5 Paul Barron (West Brom)	2 votes
5 Peter Hucker (QPR)	2 votes
7 Chris Turner (Sunderland)	1 vote

Jonathan Mundesley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

WHY doesn't 'Match' introduce a feature on schools football? I play for my school team and would be interested to read about other teams at my level — especially stories about the worst or best teams.

I believe it would be of interest to everyone — even those who don't play for a school team. Jeremy Ramsden, Sheffield, Yorks.

● **I SUGGEST you turn to Page 6, Jeremy. Meanwhile what do other readers think about a schools soccer spot? Write and let me know or, better still, write and tell us why you think your school team is the best ... or the worst ... in the land.**

RIDICULOUS, TAYLOR!

£10 WINNER

I'M getting fed up with the ridiculous comments that Derby manager Peter Taylor keeps coming out with.

After the recent League defeat at Oldham, he accused his players of being 'cheats and spivs' — a remark that angered PFA chairman Gordon Taylor.

The Derby boss then had the audacity to say that Telford should have started as favourites in their FA Cup Fourth Round tie with the 'Rams', a comment that surprised even Telford's manager.

If it's one of his ways of 'geeing-up' his players, then I'm not sure that I agree with it. Derby are in a difficult situation in the Second Division. Stupid

remarks can only unsettle the team.

Jeffrey Wheble, Loughborough, Leics.

● **I LIKED the one when Taylor said he should be 'taken out and hung' if Derby lost a match. I bet many 'Rams' supporters started building a gallows ...**

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Sunday, Feb. 19

Division Two

CARDIFF (0) 0
FULHAM (2) 4 (Coney 42, 70, Rosenoir 44, 67)
Att: 7,149
Cardiff: Dibble 5, Elsey 4, Smith 4,
★**DWYER** 7, Bennett 6, Tong 5, Owen 5,
Gibbins 4, Vaughan 4, Hemmerman 5, Baird
5 (sub. Goldsmith 5).
Fulham: Peyton 7, Parker 7, Carr 7, Scott 7,
Hopkins 7, Gale 7, Davies 7, Coney 7,
★**ROSENOIR** 8, Lewington 7, Houghton 7.
Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Three

MILLWALL (0) 2 (Neal 71, Nutton 90)
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Cascarino 30, Cochrane
87)
Att: 6,344
Millwall: ★**SANSOME** 9, Lovell 7, Stride 7,
McLeary 6, Nutton 6, Cusack 7, Massey 6
(sub. Neal 7), Bremner 6, Martin 7,
Otulakowski 7, Robinson 6.
Gillingham: Fry 8, Sittin 7 (sub. Cavener),
Armstrong 6, Bruce 8, Handford 7, Shaw 7,
Cochrane 6, Sage 7, Leslie 7, ★**MEHMET** 9,
Cascarino 8.
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Fourth Round

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Stephen 62, Ferguson 79)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Flood 86)
Att: 5,107

Monday, Feb. 20

Associate Members Cup, First Round

SOUTHEND (3) 5 (Pennyfather 32, Kellock
36, pen 89, Turner 38, Whymark 85)
READING (0) 0
Att: 1,597
Southend: Keeley 8, ★**STEAD** 9, Collins 8,
Pennyfather 8, Turner 8, Steggles 7,
Pountney 8, Kellock 8, Whymark 8, Ferguson
7, Phillips 8.
Reading: Judge 6, Williams 7, Richardson 6,
★**BEAVON** 8, Barnes 6, White 7, Tutty 6,
Horrix 7, Price 5, Sanchez 6, Crown 7.
Referee: E. J. Scales (Ware)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Hutchinson 53, Hilditch
75)
HALIFAX (0) 0
Att: 937
Tranmere: Davies 6, McMahon 6,
★**BURGESS** 8, Philpotts 6, Williams, G 6,
Palios 6, Powell 7, Aspinall 7, Hilditch 6,
Hutchinson 7, Goodlass 6.
Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6, Wood 5, Evans 5,
Hendrie 5, Kendall 6, ★**GALLAGHER** 7,
Little 5, Cook 5, Thornber 5 (sub. Mell), Ward
6.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Welsh Cup Fifth Round, Replay

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Cross)
KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0
Att: 600

MATCH WINNERS

THE two lucky winners of our 'Skills' competition which appeared in the February 11 issue of 'Match' have each won themselves a place on a super Constance Sports soccer holiday.

They are: Paul Watts, Bletchley, Milton Keynes and Marvin Clarke, Sudbury, Middlesex.

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Malcolm Baynham

EDITOR

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Division One

IPSWICH (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Worthington 10, Moran 33, Armstrong, D 36)
Att: 14,934
Ipswich: Sivell 5, Burley 5, McCall 5,
★**PUTNEY** 7 (sub. Turner 5), Osman 6,
Butcher 6, Wark 6, Brennan 5, D'Avray 6,
Sunderland 5, Parkin 5.
Southampton: Shilton 6, Mills 6, Dennis 6,
Williams 7, ★**AGBOOLA** 8, Wright 6,
Holmes 6, Moran 7, Worthington 7,
Armstrong, D 7, Wallace 6.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att: 7,943
Notts County: Leonard 8, Benjamin 7, Clarke 6,
★**RICHARDS** 9, Kilcline 7, Hunt 7,
McParland 6, McCulloch 7, Christie 6,
Harkouk 5 (sub. Goodwin 6), Chiedozie 7.
Spurs: Parks 7, Thomas 8, Hughton 7, Miller 6,
Stevens 6, Perryman 6, Ardiles 7,
★**BRAZIL** 9, Falco 8, Hoddle 7, Galvin 6 (sub. Culverhouse 7).
Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Swindlehurst 2, Barnes 68)
WATFORD (1) 4 (Johnston 44, Barnes 55, 73, Callaghan 79)
Att: 19,241
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Lampard 7, Bonds 6, Walford 5, Hilton 6, ★**ALLEN** 8, Dickens 6, Barnes 7, Cottey 5, Swindlehurst 6.
Watford: Sherwood 6, Bardsley 8, Rostron 8, Sims 7, Franklin 8, Taylor 7, Jactett 7, Callaghan 6, Johnston 8, ★**BARNES** 9, Atkinson 7.
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Two

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Wilkinson 37, Drinkell 60)
DERBY (1) 1 (Garner 43)
Att: 8,530
Grimsby: Batch 7, Cumming 6, Crombie 7, Waters 7, Nicholl 7, Moore 7, Ford 7, Wilkinson 7, ★**DRINKELL** 8, Bonnyman 7, Emson 7.
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Bucklev 6,
★**GEMMILL** 8, Watson 7, Powell 7 (sub. Plummer 7), Fletcher 6, Davison 6, Wilson 6, Garner 7, Robertson 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Associate Members Cup, First Round

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 4 (Williams 54, Morgan 65, La Ronde 80, Savage 89)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
Att: 1,706
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, La Ronde 7, Sulley 6, Savage 7, Nightingale 7, Morrell 6 (sub. Carter 6), Williams 7, ★**BECK** 8, Morgan 7, O'Driscoll 6 (sub. Jones), Thompson 6.
Aldershot: Coles 6, Shrubbs 5 (sub. Fielder 5), ★**DAY** 8, Bailey 7, Wooler 5, Jopling 6, Lucas 5, Banton 6, Lawrence 5, McDonald 5, Mazon 5.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

BRENTFORD (3) 3 (Finney 12, Joseph 29, 37)
ORIENT (1) 2 (Kitchen 25, 77)
Att: 2,301
Brentford: Swinburne 6, Fisher 6, Booker 5, Salman 6, Bolton 5, Hurlock 6, Lynch 6 (sub. Cassells), ★**FINNEY** 8, Joseph 7, Mahoney 6, Roberts, G 5.
Orient: ★**KEY** 8, Corbett 6, Osgood 6, Roffey 6, Sussex 4, Hales 6, Silkman 5, Brooks 6, Godfrey 7, Kitchen 7, McNeil 6 (sub. Houchen 5).
Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

BURY (0) 1 (White 38)
WIGAN (0) 0
Att: 1,613
Bury: Brown 6, Coleman 7, Pashley 7 (sub. Gardner), ★**CARRODUS** 8, Bramhall 7, Deacy 6, White 7, Madden 6, Entwistle 5, Jakub 7, Cutler 6.
Wigan: Tunks 6, Kelly 6 (sub. Bailey 6), Comstive 6, Cribbley 5, Walsh 5, Methven 5, Langley 7, Barrow 6, Butler 6, Taylor 5, Bruce 6.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Donachie 7, Biggins 84)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Caldwell 62)
Att: 3,355
Burnley: Hansbury 5, Dobson 7, Donachie 6, Phelan 6, Overson 7, Flynn 6, Miller 6,
★**DALEY** 8, Scott 6, Biggins 7, Hutchison 5.
Bolton: Platt 5, Borrows 6, Deakin 6, Joyce 7, McElhinney 6, Valentine 6, Thompson 5,
★**CHANDLER** 8, Foster 6, Caldwell 6, Bell 5.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Adcock, pen 20, pen 40)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Fishenden 29)
Att: 1,888
Colchester: Chamberlain 7, Cook 7, Phillips 7, Hadley 7, Wignall 7, Houston 7, Mutrie 6 (sub. Oldfield), Hull 6, Bowen 7, Adcock 7, ★**LESLIE** 8.
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 6, Winterburn 6, Thomas 6, Morris 7, Hatter 6, Evans 6, ★**KETERIDGE** 8, Cork 6 (sub. Hodges), Downes 7 (sub. Sayer), Fishenden 7.
Referee: M. Taylor (Walsley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆
Sending Off: Peters (Wimbledon)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Barrowclough, pen 82)
DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Honour 5, 50, Todd 90)
Att: 1,086
Mansfield: Daines 7, Whitworth 6, Galloway 5 (sub. Caldwell 6), Lowery 5, Ayre 6, Calderwood 5, ★**BARROWCLOUGH** 8, Matthews 7, Foster 6, Woodhead 5, Nicholson 5.
Darlington: Barber 7, Craggs 7, Johnson 6, ★**HONOUR** 9, Smith 7, Barton 7, Wakefield 6, Todd 6, Gilbert 6, Walsh 8, McLean 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PLYMOUTH (2) 5 (Tynan 3, 50, Hodges 45, 67, Rogers 51)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Dawkins 60)
Att: 3,962
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 7, Smith 7 (sub. Price 7), Cooper 6 (sub. Cassidy 7), Hodges 7, Phillips 7, ★**TYNAN** 9, Staniforth 8, Rogers 7.
Torquay: Turner 6, Pugh 6, ★**ANDERSON** 7, Carr 6, Impey 6, Dawkins 6, Hughes 5, Curle 5, Bishop 5 (sub. Compton 6), Squires 6, Barnes 6.
Referee: J. Deakin (Barry)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PLAYER RATINGS

- 10 Out of this world
- 9 Outstanding
- 8 Excellent
- 7 Good
- 6 Adequate
- 5 Off form
- 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★★ Good value
- ★★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Morris 4)
Att: 3,396
Rotherham: ★**STEVENSON** 8, Forrest 7, Crosby 6, Trussing 7, Johnson 6, Pickering 6, McInnes 6, Kilmore 7, Dungworth 7, Gooding 7 (sub. O'Dell 6), Raynes 6.
Sheff Utd: Tomlinson 6, Heffernan 7, Bolton 6, Arnott 7, Henderson 6, Charles 6, Morris 7, Atkins 6, Edwards 7, ★**McHALE** 8, Garner 6.
Referee: L. R. Dilkes (Mossley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Cammack 22, Brolly 64)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Birch, pen 4)
Att: 2,507
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Longden 7, Pointon 6, Matthews 6, Green 6, ★**WEBSTER** 8, Brolly 6, Cammack 7, Bell 7, Lester 6, Dey 6.
Chesterfield: Brown 6, O'Neill 7, Stimpson 6, Kendal 6, Baines 6, Hunter 7, ★**BIRCH** 8 (sub. Walker 6), Scrimgeour 6, Newton 7, Klug 6 (sub. Waddington), Bellamy 6.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WALSALL (0) 3 (Childs 79, Handysides 82, O'Kelly 84)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Austin 3)
Att: 3,190
Walsall: Green 6, Caswell 6, Mower 6, Shakespeare 6, Brazier 5, Hart 6, ★**HANDYSIDES** 8, Jones 6, O'Kelly 6, Buckley 5 (sub. Kelly), Childs 6.
Northampton: Gleasure 7, Forster 6, Munde 6, ★**GAGE** 8, Lewis 7, Burrows 6, Jeffrey 6, O'Neill 6, Austin 6, Belfon 6, Hayes 6.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WREXHAM (0) 3 (Steel 74, Arkwright 81, Gregory 99)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Quow 14, Pike 46)
After Extra Time
Att: 1,018
Wrexham: Parker 7, ★**KING** 8, Cunningham 7, Hunt 6, Baker 6 (sub. Edwards 6), Buxton 6 (sub. Muldoon 6), Arkwright 7, Gregory 7, Salathiel 7, Steel 7, Heath 5.
Peterborough: Allen 7, ★**CHARD** 8, Imlach 7, Beech 7, Firm 6, Slack 6, Pike 7 (sub. Rayment 6), Buchanan 7, Clarke 7, Quow 7 (sub. Worrall 6), Holmes 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

YORK (1) 1 (Senior 29)
HULL (0) 2 (Taylor 52, McClaren 68)
Att: 5,674

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York: Jones 7, Evans 7, ★SENIOR 8, Sbragia 7, MacPhail 7, Hood 7, Ford 7, Crosby 7 (sub. Haslegrave), Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Pollard 7 (sub. Pearce).
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 7, Hollifield 7, Swann 7, Skipper 7, ★BOOTH 8, Marwood 7, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 7, Taylor 7 (sub. Flounders), Askew 7 (sub. Roberts).
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ST MIRREN v HEARTS — Match Postponed

First Division

ALLOA (1) 1 (Patterson 15)
DUMBARTON (0) 0
 Att: 459

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McCabe 78)
HAMILTON (1) 1 (Spiers 1)
 Att: 380

FALKIRK (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Elvin 80)
 Att: 470

MORTON (1) 2 (Rooney 16, Pettigrew 71)
CLYDE (1) 1 (McQueen 34)
 Att: 950

Second Division

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Graham 40, Henderson 73)
BERWICK (1) 1 (Steedman 4)
 Att: 420
Sending Off: Steedman (Berwick)

DUNFERMLINE (2) 2 (Morrison 9, McCathie 44)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Walker 13, Gilmour, pen 46)
 Att: 675

EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Holt 13)
ALBION (3) 4 (McAteer 15, 41, Greene 28, 86)
 Att: 400

FORFAR (1) 2 (Liddle 36, McPhee 65)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 340

STIRLING (0) 0
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 600

Welsh Cup, Fifth Round, Replay

SWANSEA 2 (Saunders, Toshack)
BARRY 1
After Extra Time

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Milk Cup, Semi-Final, Second Leg

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Rideout 62)
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att: 42,426
Everton win 2-1 on aggregate
Aston Villa: Spink 6, Williams 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, Bremner 6, Mortimer 7, Curbishley 6, Shaw 6, Withe 6, ★McMAHON 8, Walters 5 (sub. Rideout 7).
Everton: Southall 7, Stevens 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 7, Mountfield 7, ★REID 8, Irvine 6, Heath 7, Sharp 6, King 6, Sheedy 7.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

Associate Members Cup, First Round

BRADFORD (3) 3 (Campbell 10, Ellis 21, Abbott 27)
HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Dobson 1, Linighan, A 15)
 Att: 1,178

Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 6, ★WITHE 8, McCall 7, Jackson 6, Cooke 6, Haire 6 (sub. Holmes), Hawley 6, Campbell 7, Abbott 6, Ellis 7.
Hartlepool: Blackburn 7, Smithies 6, Barker 6, Hogan 6, Linighan, A 7, Brown 7, Kennedy 7, Lowe 6, Linacre 6, ★DOBSON 8, Johnson 6.
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 2 (Zelem, pen 18, Serella, og 117)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Serella 41)
After Extra Time
 Att: 1,046
Chester: ★HARRINGTON 8, Dixon 7, Lane 7, Holden 7, Zelem 7, Hildersley 7, Elliott 6 (sub. Brett), Sanderson 7, Allen 6, Wharton 6, Blackwell 6.
Blackpool: Pearce 6, Butler 6, Walsh 6, Deary 6, ★SERELLA 8, Greenall 7, Dyer 6, Windridge 6, Bramhall 6 (sub. Davies), Ferns 6, Britton 6 (sub. McNiven 5).
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

EXETER (1) 3 (Pratt 26, 66, Neville 53)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Ritchie 81)
 Att: 1,754
Exeter: Bond 6, Viney 7, Marker 6, Webster 6, Atkinson 6, O'Connor 6, Ling 6, Pratt 7, ★NEVILLE 8, Rogers 7, McDonough 6.
Bristol City: Hooper 5, Stevens 6, Newman 6, Halliday 5 (sub. Williams, G 5), Phillipson-Masters 5, Economou 6, Pritchard 5 (sub. Llewellyn), ★RITCHIE 8, Williams, T 6, Hirst 5, Cooper 6.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 0
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Tartt 17)
 Att: 1,605
Hereford: Rose 7, Leonard 6, Bray 7, Hicks 6, ★PEJIC 8, Larkin 7, Harvey 5, Emery (sub. Price 6), Phillips 6, Kearns 6, Butler 6.
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tartt 7, Pollard 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 7 (sub. Ridley 7), Cegielski 7, Gore 7, Young 7, Bright 6, ★O'KEEFE 8, Fox 6.
Referee: E. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 0
DONCASTER (2) 2 (Harle 15, Woods 40)
 Att: 1,941
Lincoln: Felgate 5, Burke 5, Williamson 5, Cockerill 5, Walker 4, Simmonite 4, Hobson 5, ★TURNER 6, Thomas 5, Jack 5, Fashanu 5.
Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 6, Yates 6, Snodin, I 5, Breckin 6, Humphries 6, Harle 6, Moss 5, Douglas 5, ★WOODS 7, Snodin, G 6.
Referee: L. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (0) 1 (Baillie, og 80)
SWINDON (0) 3 (Quinn 49, 67, Mayes 54)
 Att: 4,744
Oxford: Butcher 5, Hinshelwood 6, McDonald 6, Train 6, Briggs 6 (sub. Jones 6), Shotton 6, Barnett 5 (sub. Gibson), Whatmore 6, Biggins 5, Hebbard 6, ★RHOADES-BROWN 7.
Swindon: Endersby 7, Baillie 5, Baddeley 6, Batty 6, Gibson 6, Rowland 6, Hockaday 7, Mayes 7, ★QUINN 8, Nelson 7, Barnard 6.
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
PRESTON (2) 3 (Elliott 10, 14, 82)
 Att: 1,300
Rochdale: Conroy 5, Greenhoff, B 5, Chapman 6, Doyle 6, ★McMAHON 8, Oates 6 (sub. O'Connor 6), Thompson, D 6, Hamilton 5, Allatt 6, Farrell 7 (sub. Thomas 6), Griffiths 6.
Preston: Litchfield 6, Hinnigan 6, McAteer 6, Jones 6, Twentyman 6, Clark 7, Bleasdale 6, ★WALSH 8, Elliott 7, Naughton 6 (sub. Houston 6), Farrelly 6 (sub. Houghton 6).
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Thorpe 78, Kerr 97)
CREWE (0) 2 (Waller 61, King, pen 93)
After Extra Time. Crewe won 3-0 on penalties
 Att: 1,692
Stockport: Salmon 7, Jones 6, Rutter 7, ★EMERSON 8, Bowles 6, Thorpe 7, Smith 5, Evans 6, Kerr 7, Parker 5 (sub. Leigh), Coyle 7.
Crewe: Naylor 7, Davis 6, Edwards 7, King 7, Scott 6, Hart 6, Pullar 7, Crabbe 7, ★WALLER 8, Leonard 7, Cliss 7 (sub. Williams).
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH League Cup, Semi-Final, First Leg

ABERDEEN (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 0
 Att: 23,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Rougiev 6, McMaster 6, Cooper 7, McLeish 6, Miller 6, ★STRACHAN 8, Black 6, McGhee 7, Angus 7, Weir 7.
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 6, McAdam 6, Sinclair 7, McClair 7, ★McSTAY 8, McGarvey 6, MacLeod 7, Burns 6.
Referee: B. McGinlay (Balforn)
Match Rating: ★★

Second Leg

RANGERS (1) 2 (Clark 42, Redford 52)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
Rangers win 3-1 on aggregate
 Att: 30,000
Rangers: McCloy 7, Nicholl 6, Dawson 7, ★McCLELLAND 8, McPherson 6, Redford 7, Russell 7, Prytz 7, Clark 6 (sub. Mitchell), McCoist 6, Cooper 7 (sub. Burns).
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 6, Malpas 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 6, Narey 6, Bannion 5, Milne 7, ★HOLT 8, Sturrock 6, Dodds 7.
Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

First Division

AIRDRIE (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 0
 Att: 1,750

Friday, Feb. 24

Division Four

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Evans 13, 88)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Holden 28)
 Att: 2,006
Stockport: Salmon 6, Jones 6, Rutter 7, Holden 7, Zelem 6, ★HILDERSLEY 8, Elliott 5 (sub. Brett), Sanderson 6, Allen 6, Wharton 6, Blackwell 5.
Chester: Harrington 7, Dixon 6, Lane 7, Holden 7, Zelem 6, ★HILDERSLEY 8, Elliott 5 (sub. Brett), Sanderson 6, Allen 6, Wharton 6, Blackwell 5.
Referee: K. Walsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 1,763
Tranmere: Davies 6, McMahon 6, Burgess 7, ★HIGGINS 8, Palios 6, Williams, G 6, Powell 7, Aspinall 6, Hilditch 6 (sub. Brown 6), Hutchinson 7, Goodlass 6.
Peterborough: Seaman 7, ★CHARD 8, Imlach 6, Beech 5, Wile 6, Firm 7, Benjamin 6, Tydeman 5, Hankin 5, Waddle 5, Worrall 5.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Feb. 25

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 4 (Withe 22, 60, Birch 61, Walters 89)
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 18,227
Aston Villa: Spink 6, Williams 6, Gibson 6, Ormsby 6, Bremner 6, Mortimer 7, Curbishley 7, Birch 6, Withe 7, McMahon 7, Rideout 6 (sub. ★WALTERS 8).
Wolves: Burridge 5, Buckland 6, Palmer 6, ★DANIEL 7, Pender 6, Dodd 6, Townner 5, Clarke 5, Troughton 6, Eves 6, Crainie 5.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Smith, A 44, O'Neill 86)
IPSWICH (0) 0
 Att: 11,399
Leicester: Wallington 5, ★SMITH, B 8, Wilson 7, MacDonald 7, Hazell 6, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, Lineker 5, Smith, A 6, Ramsey 5, Peake 6.
Ipswich: Cooper 5, Burley 6, McCall 6, ★PUTNEY 7, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 5, Brennan 5, D'Avray 5, Sunderland 6, O'Callaghan 6.
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Rush 8, Robinson 55)
QPR (0) 0
 Att: 32,206
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Kennedy 6, Lawrenson 7, Whelan 7, Hansen 6, Robinson 7, Lee 6, Rush 7, Johnston 7, ★SOUNESS 8.
QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 6, Wicks 6, ★FENWICK 8, Fillery 6 (sub. Burke), Stewart 6, Charles 6, Stainrod 7, Gregory 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Moran 40, 47)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Chapman 16)
 Att: 40,615
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Albiston 6, Wilkins 7, ★MORAN 8 (sub. Graham), Hogg 6, Robson 6, Muhren 6, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 6, Moses 7.
Sunderland: Turner 7, Venison 7, Pickering 6, Atkins 6, Chisholm 6, ★ELLIOTT 8, Bracewell 6, Rowell 5, Proctor 5, Chapman 5, James 5 (sub. West 5).
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Deehan 77)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att: 16,294
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Downs 7, Mendham 7, Hareide 7, Watson 7, Devine 7, ★CHANNON 9, Deehan 8, Bertschin 6, Van Wyk 7.
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 7, Lampard 6, ★BONDS 8, Walford 6, Hilton 6, Barnes 6, Cotee 7, Swindlehurst 7, Allen 7, Dickens 7.
Referee: J. Ashworth (Oakham)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Mariner 89)
 Att: 20,045
Not'm Forest: ★VAN BREUKELEN 9, Anderson 7, Swain 6, Fairclough 8, Hart 7, Bowyer 6, Thijssen 5 (sub. Wigley 5), Wallace 6, Birtles 6, Hodge 6, Walsh 5.
Arsenal: Jennings 6, Hill 6, Sansom 8, Talbot 8, O'Leary 7, Caton 7, Davis 7, Nicholas 6, Mariner 7, Woodcock 6, ★RIX 9.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Wright 31, Armstrong, D 45)
LUTON (0) 1 (Donaghy 89)
 Att: 17,947
Southampton: Shilton 6, Mills 8, Dennis 7, ★WILLIAMS 9, Agboola 7, Wright 7, Holmes 7, Moran 7, Worthington 7, Armstrong, D 7, Wallace 6.
Luton: Sealey 7, Stephens 7, Thomas 6, Horton 7, Elliott 7, Donaghy 6, ★HILL 8, Stein 6, Walsh 6, Daniel 7, Nwaijobi 5 (sub. Goodyear 6).
Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (1) 1 (Chamberlain 8)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
 Att: 11,725
Stoke: Fox 7, Bould 7, Hampton 6, ★JAMES 8, Dyson 6, O'Callaghan 7, Maskery 6, McIlroy 7, Maguire 6, Hudson 7, Chamberlain 6.
Notts County: Leonard 7, Benjamin 5, Clarke 6, Richards 7, Kilcline 6, Hunt 6, McParland 6 (sub. Goodwin), McCulloch 6, Christie 7, Harkouk 7, ★CHIEDOZIE 8.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Harford 65)
 Att: 23,564
Spurs: Parks 6, Thomas 6, Hughton 6, Stevens 5, Miller 6, Perryman 6, Cooke 6, Archibald 5, Brazil 5, Hoddle 6, Dick 5 (sub. ★HAZARD 7).
Birmingham: Coton 6, McCarrick 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Blake 6, ★WRIGHT 7, Hagan 6, Rees 6, Kuhl 6, Harford 6, Stevenson 6, Phillips 6.
Referee: D. Letts (Aldershot)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (1) 4 (Barnes 24, 64, Johnston 56, Roston 76)
EVERTON (0) 4 (Sharp 51, 79, Gray 67, Heath 89)
 Att: 16,982
Watford: Sherwood 6, ★BARDSLEY 8, Roston 7, Taylor 5, Sims 6, Franklin 4, Callaghan 6, Johnston 5, Barnes 6, Jackett 5, Atkinson 5.
Everton: Southall 7, Stevens 6, Bailey 6, Ratcliffe 7, Mountfield 6, Reid 7, Irvine 5, Heath 8, Sharp 7, Gray 7, ★SHEEDY 9.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

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WEST BROM (0) 1 (Cross 48)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Gibson 72)
 Att: 10,900
West Brom: Barron 6, Ebanks 6.
***STATHAM 8**, Zondervan 6, McNaught 6,
 Bennett 6, Jol 7, Thompson 7, Cross 6,
 Mackenzie 7, Morley 6.
Coventry: Suckling 6, Roberts 6, Adams 6,
 Gynn 6 (sub. Withey 6), Peake 7, Allardce 6,
 Grimes 6, Hunt 7. ***BENNETT 8**, Gibson 7,
 Singleton 7.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Sinton 55)
PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Biley 7, Hateley 15,
 88)
 Att: 4,359
Cambridge: Greygoose 6, Moyes 6, Davies 6,
***SINTON 8**, Fallon 6, Beattie 6, Christie 6,
 Spriggs 6, Cooke 6, Mardenborough 7,
 Cartwright 6.
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6,
 Sullivan 6, Stanley 6, Tait 6, Aizlewood 6,
 Webb 6, Dillon 6, Hateley 7, ***BILEY 8**,
 Morgan 6.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 0
 Att: 16,543
Chelsea: Niedzwiecki 6, Lee 6, Hollins 6,
 Pates 6, McLaughlin 6, McAndrew 5 (sub.
 Johnstone), Nevin 6, Spackman 5, Dixon 5,
 Speedie 6. ***THOMAS 7**.
Carlisle: McKellar 7, Rushbury 7, Parker 7,
 Ashurst 8, ***O'RIORDAN 9**, McCartney 7,
 Buckley 7, Craig 6, Poskett 7, Hill 6, Shoulder
 6.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Ford 42)
 Att: 5,956
Crystal Palace: Wood 6, Locke 6,
***MURPHY 8**, Stebbing 5, Cannon 7 (sub.
 Lacy 7), Nebbeling 6, Giles 6, Cummins 7,
 Barber 6, Nicholas 7, Hilaire 7.
Grimsbey: Batch 7, Cumming 7, Crombie 7,
 Waters 7, Nicholl 7, Moore 7, Ford 7,
***WILKINSON 8**, Drinkell 7, Bonnyman 7,
 Emson 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (0) 1 (Robertson, pen 56)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Stanton 88)
 Att: 14,529
Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 6, Buckley 6,
 Gemmill 7, Burns 7, McAlle 6, Fletcher 7,
***DAVISON 8**, Wilson 6, Garner 6,
 Robertson 6.
Huddersfield: Mason 6, Laws 6, Burke 6,
 Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Jones 6, ***LILLIS 8**,
 Doyle 7, Robinson 7 (sub. Pugh), Wilson 7,
 Cowling 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (0) 3 (Coney 73, Stevens, og 80.,
 Rosenoir 82)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att: 5,149
Fulham: Peyton 6, Parker 6, Carr 7, Scott 6,
 Hopkins 6, Gale 6, Davies 6, ***CONEY 8**,
 Rosenoir 7, Houghton 7, Lewington 6.
Shrewsbury: ***OGRIZOVIC 8**, Williams 5,
 Johnson 6, Turner 6, Stevens 5, Griffin 6,
 McNally 6, Petts 6, Brown 6, Cross 5, Hackett
 5 (sub. Robinson).
Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (1) 1 (Wright 20)
BARNLEY (0) 2 (Glavin 58, Johnson 87)
 Att: 19,138
Leeds: Harvey 5, Hird 6, Hamson 6, Watson 7,
***BROWN 8**, Gray 6, Wright 7, Sellers 6,
 McCluskey 6 (sub. Gavin 6), Lorimer 6,
 Barnes 7.
Barnley: Rhodes 7, Law 6, Chambers 7,
 Glavin 8, ***MAY 9**, Jeffels 7, McGuire 6,
 Ronson 7, Airey 7, Johnson 7, Campbell 7.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 9,343
Middlesbrough: ***PEARS 8**, Wood 7,
 Mowbray 6, Otto 6, Baxter 6, Nattrass 7,
 Hamilton 6 (sub. Bell 6), Kennedy 6,
 MacDonald 7, Sugrue 6, Currie 5.

Man City: Williams 6, Ranson 6, Lomax 6,
 Bond 7, ***POWER 8**, McCarthy 7, McNab 7,
 Reid 6, May 6, Kinsey 6, Tolmie 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Waddle 10, Keegan 44,
 pen 56)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Vaughan 58)
 Att: 27,909
Newcastle: Carr 6, Anderson 6, Wharton 7,
 McCreery 7, Clarke 7, Roeder 6, ***KEEGAN 8**,
 Beardsley 6, Waddle 7, McDermott 7,
 Treweek 6.
Cardiff: Dibble 6, Elsey 6, Smith 5, Dwyer 5,
 Bennett 6, ***TONG 7**, Owen 6, Gibbins 6,
 Vaughan 6, Hemmerman 5, Lee 5.
Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att: 6,855
Oldham: Parkin 7, Hoolickin 6, Hudson 7,
 Bowden 5, Clements 7, ***McDONOUGH 8**,
 Ward 5, Henry 6, Quinn 6, Cross 6, Palmer 5.
Blackburn: O'Keefe 7, Glenn 6, Mail 6,
 Hamilton 7, Keeley 7, Barker 6, ***MILLER 8**,
 Lowey 7, Thompson 5, Garner 6, Patterson 6.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Bannister
 22, Varadi 72)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (O'Regan 81)
 Att: 21,614
Sheff Wed: Hodge 8, Sterland 7, Shirtliff 7,
 Smith 7, Lyons 7, Worthington 7,
***MEGSON 9**, Bannister 8, Varadi 7 (sub.
 Pearson), Cunningham 8, Shelton 7.
Brighton: ***CORRIGAN 8**, O'Regan 7,
 Hutchings 7, Grealish 6, Young 6, Gatting
 6, Wilson 5, Case 6, Young, A 6, Connor 6
 (sub. Kraay 6), Penney 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Pascoe 9)
CHARLTON (0) 0
 Att: 5,222
Swansea: Hughes 7, Marustik 7, McQuillan
 7, Evans 7, Stevenson 7, Lewis 7.
***ROBINSON 8**, Richards 6, Saunders 6,
 Walsh 7, Pascoe 7.
Charlton: Johns 6, O'Shea 6, Dickinson 7,
 Gritt 7, Dowman 6, Berry 6, Smith 7, Hales 7,
***JONES 8**, Aizlewood 7, Flanagan 7.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BOLTON (1) 2 (Caldwell 39, 48)
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Att: 5,818
Bolton: Platt 6, Borrowes 7, Deakin 6, Joyce 6,
 McElhinney 6, Valentine 6, Thompson 7,
 Chandler 6, Foster 8, ***CALDWELL 9**, Bell 6.
Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tarrt 5, Bromage 7,
 Hunter 6, Sproson 6, Cegielski 6, Gore 7,
 Young 5 (sub. Pollard 5), Bright 7, ***O'KEEFE 8**,
 Fox 5.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Roberts, G 18)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (2) 3 (Morris, pen 33,
 Atkins 35, Edwards 72)
 Att: 5,100
Brentford: Roche 6, Fisher 6, Roberts, P 5,
 Salman 6, Bolton 4, ***HURLOCK 7**, Kamara
 6, Finney 6, Joseph 6, Cassells 5 (sub.
 Mahoney), Roberts, G 5.
Sheff Utd: Tomlinson 6, Heffernan 5, Bolton
 6, Arnott 6, Stancliffe 7, Charles 6,
***MORRIS 9**, Atkins 7, Edwards 8, McHale
 8, Garner 6.
Referee: L. Burden (Poole)
Match Rating: ★★

BURNLEY (2) 4 (Biggins 12, 24, 59, Flynn
 62)
LINCOLN (0) 0
 Att: 6,584
Burnley: Hansbury 7, Baker 8, Phelan 7,
 Dobson 7, Donachie 5, Scott 5, Daley 6, Flynn
 5, ***BIGGINS 9**, Hamilton 8, Hutchison 7.
Lincoln: ***FELGATE 8**, Williamson 5,
 Simmonite 5, Turner 6, Neale 5, Hobson 7,
 Cockerill 6, Jack 5, Shipley 5, Fashanu 5,
 Thomas 5.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Mehmet 31, 74,
 Cascarino 86)
WIGAN (0) 0
 Att: 4,013

Gillingham: Fry 6, Sage 6, Armstrong 6,
 Bruce 6, ***HANDFORD 8**, Shaw 7,
 Cochran 6, Musker 6, Leslie 6, Mehmet 7,
 Cascarino 6.
Wigan: Tunks 5, Cribble 6, Comstive 5,
***BUTLER 7**, Walsh 6, Methven 5 (sub.
 Kelly), Langley 6, Bailey 6, Johnson 6, Taylor
 5, Bruce 6.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Aldridge, pen 45)
EXETER (0) 0
 Att: 2,465
Newport: Kendall 6, Jones, L 7, Matthewson
 7, Reid 5, ***OAKES 8**, Boyle 6, Lilygreen 7,
 Aldridge 7 (sub. Jones, V), Carter 7, Lewis 6,
 Williams 7.
Exeter: Bond 6, Marker 6, Viney 7, O'Connor
 7, Webster 7, ***ATKINSON 8**, Neville 6,
 Rogers 7, Sims 6, Francis 7, Pratt 7.
Referee: A. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (1) 3 (Brock 1, Biggins 49,
 Rhoades-Brown 73)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Sulley 11,
 Thompson 66)
 Att: 6,535
Oxford: Hardwick 6, Hinshelwood 6,
***McDONALD 8**, Brock 7, Briggs 6, Shotton
 6, Lawrence 5, Biggins 6, Whatmore 6 (sub.
 Barnett), Hebbard 7, Rhoades-Brown 6.
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, La Ronde 5, Sulley 6,
 Beck 6, Nightingale 6, ***BRIGNULL 7**,
 Williams 5 (sub. Carter), O'Driscoll 6, Morgan
 5, Graham 5, Thompson 6.
Referee: G. J. Naphine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Tynan, pen 35, Phillips 68)
HULL (0) 0
 Att: 10,023
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6,
 Harrison 6, ***SMITH 8**, Cooper 6, Hodges 5,
 Phillips 7, Tynan 7, Stanforth 7, Rogers 6.
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Hollifield 6, Swann
 5, ***SKIPPER 8**, Booth 7, Marwood 7,
 McClaren 6, Whitehurst 6, Taylor 5, Roberts,
 G 7.
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 0
 Att: 4,109
Preston: Litchfield 7, Hinnigan 5, McAteer 7,
 Booth 6, Twentyman 6, Clark 7, Farrelly 5,
 Walsh 5 (sub. Houston 6), Elliott 6,
***NAUGHTON 7**, Houghton 6.
Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 6, ***STRIDE 7**,
 Sherringham 5 (sub. McLeary 5), Nutton 6,
 Cusack 5, Lovell 6, Neal 5, Martin 4,
 Otulakowski 6, Robinson 6.
Referee: P. J. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Dungworth 86)
WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Fishenden 8, Cork 83)
 Att: 3,141
Rotherham: Stevenson 6, ***FORREST 8**,
 Crosby 7, Trussion 7, Johnson 6, Pickering 6,
 McEwan 7, Kilmore 6, Dungworth 6, Mitchell
 5, Raynes 5 (sub. O'Dell 5).
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 7, Winterburn
 6, Galliers 7, Smith 6, Hatter 6, Evans 7 (sub.
 Hodges), Ketteridge 6, ***CORK 8**, Downes 7,
 Fishenden 7.
Referee: R. Guy (Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Cammack, pen 4,
 O'Berg 57)
BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 2 (White 23, 25)
 Att: 2,737
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Longden 7, Pointon
 6, Matthews 6, ***GREEN 8**, Webster 6,
 Broly 6, Cammack 7, Bell 6, Lester 6, O'Berg
 6.
Bristol Rovers: Cashley 6, Slatter 7, Williams
 6, Puls 7, Parkin 6, ***McCAFFERY 8**,
 Holloway 6, Bater 6, White 7, Bannon 6,
 Barratt 6.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (1) 1 (Handysides 25)
BRADFORD (0) 2 (Haire 63, McCall 69)
 Att: 6,013
Walsall: Green 6, Caswell 7 (sub. Rees 6),
 Mower 8, Shakespeare 6, Brazier 7, Hart 8,
***HANDSIDES 9**, Brown 7, O'Kelly 6,
 Preece 7, Childs 8.
Bradford: ***McMANUS 9**, Podd 7, Withe 8,
 McCall 8, Jackson 7, Cherry 7, Haire 8,
 Hawley 7, Campbell 7, Abbott 7, Ellis 8.
Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BRISTOL CITY (2) 2 (Ritchie, pen 19, Riley
 24)
ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (Lawrence 44)
 Att: 6,849
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 8, Newman 6,
 Halliday 7, Phillipson-Masters 6, Stroud 6,
 Pritchard 7, Ritchie 6, Riley 7, Hirst 6,
***COOPER 9**.
Aldershot: Coles 7, Shrubbs 6, Gillard 7, Briley
 7, Souter 7, Jopling 7, Burvill 6, Banton 6,
***LAWRENCE 8**, McDonald 6, Mazzon 6.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Brown 35)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Windridge 39)
 Att: 3,281
Chesterfield: Brown, J 7, O'Neill 7, Stimpson
 6, Kendal 6, Baines 6, ***HUNTER 8**, Birch 6,
 Walker 6, Brown, P 7, Klug 6, Bellamy 6.
Blackpool: Pierce 6, Moore 6, Walsh 7,
 Rodaway 6, Hetzke 7, Greenall 6, Britton 6,
 Mercer 6, Stewart 6, ***FERNES 8** (sub. Deary
 6), Windridge 7.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (0) 0
SWINDON (0) 0
 Att: 2,448
Colchester: Chamberlain 6, Cook 6, Phillips
 6, Hadley 7, ***WIGNALL 8**, Houston 7,
 Mutrie 6 (sub. Groves), Hull 6, Bowen 7,
 Adcock 7, Leslie 7.
Swindon: ***ENDERSBY 8**, Bailie 7,
 Baddeley 7, Batty 6, Gray 6, Rowland 6,
 Hockaday 7, Mayes 6, Quinn 6, Nelson 6,
 Barnard 7.
Referee: I. J. Borrett (Eye)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Harle, og 36)
DONCASTER (2) 2 (Woods 9, Snodin, I. 19)
 Att: 2,408
Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6, Wood 6, Evans 7,
 Kendall 5, Hendrie 6, ***GALLAGHER 8**,
 Little 6, Cook 6 (sub. Smith 6), Thorner 6,
 Ward 6.
Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 7, Yates 7,
***SNODIN, I. 8**, Lister 7, Humphries 7, Harle
 7, Moss 6, Douglas 6, Woods 7, Snodin, G 6.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 4 (Kennedy 55, Linacre,
 pen 63, Dobson 78, 79)
MANFIELD (1) 1 (Ayre 27)
 Att: 1,730
Hartlepool: Blackburn 6, Smithies 6, Barker
 7, Hogan 6, Linighan, A 7, Brown 7, Kennedy
 7, Lowe 7, Linacre, P 7, ***DOBSON 8**, Staff
 7.
Manfield: Daines 6, Whitworth 6 (sub.
 Galloway 5), Woodhead 6, ***LOWERY 7**,
 Ayre 6, Foster 5, Barrowclough 6, Matthews
 5, Calderwood 5, Caldwell 5, Nicholson 5.
Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Phillips 59)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Anderson 76)
 Att: 1,978
Hereford: Rose 7, Price 7, Bray 6, Larkin 6,
 Pejic 7, Dalziel 7, Harvey 6, Delve 6, Phillips 7,
***KEARNS 8**, Butler 6.
Torquay: Turner 7, Dawkins 5,
***ANDERSON 8**, Carr 5, Impey 6, Compton
 6, Hughes 6, Pugh 6, Squires 6, Barnes 7,
 Bishop 5.
Referee: N. Midgeley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Gage 33, Hayes 78)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att: 1,696
Northampton: Gleasure 7, Forster 6,
 Munde 6, Gage 7, Lewis 7, Burrows 6,
 Jeffery 6, O'Neill 6, Austin 6, ***HAYES 9**,
 Martinez 8.
Crewe: Naylor 6, Davis 7, Edwards 6, King 7,
 Scott 6, Hart 7, Pullar 6, ***CRABBE 8**, Waller
 6, Leonard 6, Cliss 5 (sub. Williams 6).
Referee: A. Buksh (London)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 1 (Sanchez 86)
YORK (0) 0
 Att: 4,548
Reading: Judge 6, Williams 7, Richardson 6,
 Price 7, Hicks 8, White 7, Duncan 6, Horrix 6,
 Senior 6, ***SANCHEZ 9**, Crown 6.
York: Jones 6, Evans 7, Senior 7, Sbragia 8,
***MacPHAIL 9**, Hood 8, Ford 6, Crosby 6,
 Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Pollard 6.
Referee: M. Taylor (Walmer)
Match Rating: ★★

● Continued next week

Bobby-dazzler Barnes gets them buzzing

MICHAEL Jackson-lookalike Bobby Barnes is a real crowd pleaser ... in fact you could say he's a 'Thriller'.

Since being drafted into the injury-hit side he has been leading First Division defenders a merry dance with his dazzling wing play.

And his form in West Ham's title-chasing side over the last few weeks have already made him a firm favourite with the 'Hammers' faithful.

Says Bobby: "People have told me that they enjoy seeing a winger like me running at defenders and taking them on. The fans certainly encourage me to do it."

"They've been calling for other players to give me the ball and when I get it there's a buzz around the ground. I get the feeling they're all willing me to have a go it's smashing."

● QUOTE of the week comes from the United States of America ... where else?

And it's from the general manager of the Major Indoor Soccer League side Phoenix Pride, Ted Podleski.

He said: "It's a long season, but I think things will come together. If they don't I'll shoot myself."

● CHARLIE Nicholas' nightmare season took another nosedive when he came under fire from manager Don Howe after the 2-1 defeat at Liverpool.

"Don't blame others for Charlie's performance," pleaded Howe, "blame Charlie. He's definitely not a front man and now Paul Mariner's in he will drop back."

● WHO'S this Reg Thomas chappie in the list of transfers registered with the League during January (last week's 'Match Chat')? The player transferred from Stoke to Chelsea was Welsh international Mike Thomas. What you might not know is that his full name is Reginald Michael Thomas.

Hungry Wolves hope there's life in Mars

A MARS a day helps you work, rest and ... avoid relegation.

At least that's the latest theory of desperate Wolves boss Graham Hawkins.

The sweet idea came to him following the arrival of young full-back Mark Buckland from Southern League Leamington.

Mark often munches his way through a Mars — and sometimes a meat pie as well — before a game to give him extra energy.

And now Mr Hawkins has got to thinking that the chocolate bar could be the answer to his problems.

"The state we are in at the moment, a Mars a day for everyone could be just what we need," he joked, "but I draw the line at meat pies."

Bennett's bar takes a back seat

NORWICH midfielder Dave Bennett was so worried that injury might end his career that he bought a bar in Spain.

But following a dramatic recovery after three operations on his left knee, it seems that the bar on the island of Ibiza can run itself for a while.

Explains Dave, who made his first team comeback as substitute during the 3-1 win over Villa: "It was something to fall back on if the worst came to the worst."

Dave, who had the first of his three operations as a teenager at Manchester City, ended up playing a match-winning role on his first team return.

He came on in the 72nd minute with the score standing at 0-0 and within ten minutes Norwich were 3-0 up and sailing on to victory.

"Mick Channon told me I had turned the game but when John Deehan scored the first goal I hadn't even touched the ball," he said modestly.

ROVER STOPS ROVING!

GORDON Bennett! Bristol Rovers' number one fan has banned himself from away games.

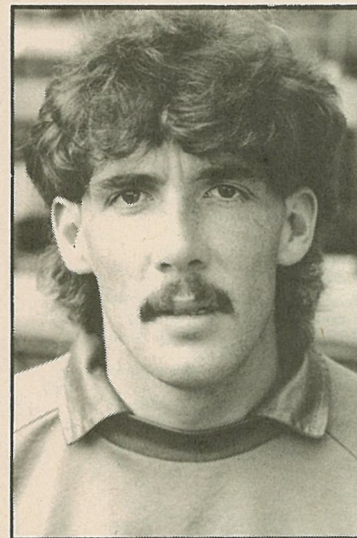
The Third Division club's chief executive — who is actually called Gordon Bennett — has imposed the ban because he believes he's a jinx.

He hasn't seen Rovers win away from home for three seasons, so he's decided to stay at home when they hit the road.

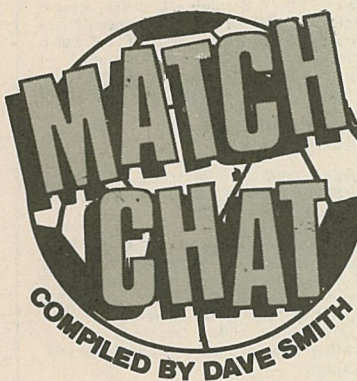
He recalls: "I went to watch them last season against Plymouth, Newport and Swansea in the opening months and we lost all three games."

"And when I went to Newport and Port Vale at the start of this season we lost both those games as well."

Mr Bennett, who has been a Rovers supporter for 30 years, was voted the country's number one fan before he joined the West Country club.



Tony Coton — rated as Peter Shilton's successor by Jim Blyth.



Sammy 'breaks' into the big time

SAMMY Lee no longer gets his nose pushed out by his Liverpool colleagues ... because he's broken it.

The England midfielder was something of an odd man out at Anfield because he had never suffered the injury which befalls many players.

But thanks to a collision with an Arsenal player during the League game at Anfield recently he is now one of the lads.

His team-mate Alan Kennedy takes up the story ...

"Most of the lads here have suffered a broken nose at some stage during their careers but Sammy had managed to avoid the injury," says Alan.

"So when he broke it a few days after his 25th birthday all the lads reckoned it was the best present he could have wished for."

"I don't think Sammy saw it that way, however. Maybe he was concerned about it spoiling his babyish good looks?"

"He should worry, though. My nose looks as though it's had more breaks than Steve Davis."

SIDELINED BY SHILTON'S SUCCESSOR!

Blyth tips team-mate Coton as the next England 'keeper

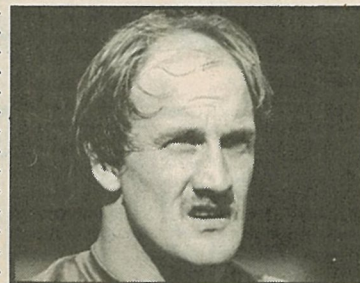
OUT of favour Jim Blyth is convinced that he's been kept on the sidelines at Birmingham by England's next goalkeeper.

Says the former Scottish international: "Tony Coton is the natural successor to Peter Shilton. After watching his performances week in and week out I can only see him as his country's next number one."

"The other contenders for the job — Norwich star Chris Woods and Nigel Spink of Aston Villa — have their work cut out to compare with Tony."

"He's big, strong and an excellent all-round goalkeeper. There have been times this season when he has saved the team from a hammering. That says a lot for his ability."

Jim, who joined Birmingham from Coventry on a free transfer at the beginning of last season, is being kept out of the 'Blues' first team by the young star. His last League game was back in May last year.



Jim Blyth — out of favour at Birmingham.

He says: "The only reason Tony hasn't already been recognised at international level is because he's playing for an unfashionable club that has spent the last few campaigns struggling at the wrong end of the First Division."

"I'm sure he'd have been talked about as a potential England 'keeper if he played for one of the top clubs."

Jim admits that Tony's form has put a huge question mark over his future at St Andrews. He says: "I've got 18 months of my contract to run with the club and I don't want to spend it in the reserves."

"It's very frustrating for me because I can't see myself getting back into the team. It's not as if I was an outfield player and had a chance of fitting into another position."

Jim accepts that he may have to leave Birmingham in a bid to get regular first team football: "If an offer came from a First or Second Division club I'm sure the manager would consider it."

"Playing in the reserves is no good for me and it's costing the club money. They'd be better off letting me go and grooming a young goalkeeper."

Despite being out of the side, Jim doesn't regret moving to Birmingham. He says: "If the same situation arose I wouldn't hesitate making the same decision."

"Coventry wanted me to take a drop in wages and only offered me a one-year contract. After being there for ten years I didn't think that was fair. Birmingham offered me a better deal."

PAUL MARINER (Arsenal): Worst season: Nine goals (for Ipswich 1981/82); Best season: 21 goals (for Plymouth 1974/75); Current tally: 14 goals (all with Ipswich).

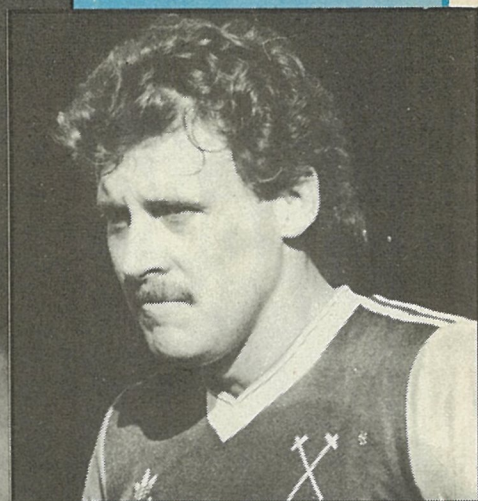
VERDICT: Paul was on target to reach his previous best total until an ill-timed injury set him back. And now, following his transfer from Ipswich to Arsenal, he's going to find it difficult to make an impact straight away and will struggle to top 21.

PETER WITHE (Aston Villa): Worst season: Nine goals (for Birmingham 1975/76); Best season: 21 goals (for Aston Villa 1980/81); Current tally: 11 goals. **VERDICT:** Peter began the season in sparkling form and had scored all his 11 goals before the turn of the year. But, like Paul Mariner, injury knocked him off his stride and he's struggling to regain his early momentum. I can't honestly see him beating his best total of 21.

MICK HARFORD (Birmingham): Worst season: Six goals (for Lincoln 1978/79 and Birmingham 1982/83); Best season: 23 goals



Left: Ipswich striker Eric Gates — he has regained his touch after a personal disaster last season.



Above: Dave Swindlehurst looks set to overtake his best ever goals tally this season.

THE GREAT GOALS RACE

(for Birmingham and Bristol City 1981/82); Current tally: 13 goals. **VERDICT:** Mick's goalscoring exploits in both domestic cup competitions this season made up for his inconsistency in the Canon League where he had scored just five goals after 27 games.

ERIC GATES (Ipswich): Worst season: Three goals (for Ipswich 1982/83); Best season: 15 goals (for Ipswich 1981/82); Current tally: 11 goals. **VERDICT:** It will be interesting to see how Eric fares without his striking partner of the last few years, Paul Mariner. Last season was a personal disaster for the little striker, but he seems to have regained his touch and, with him needing just five more goals to top his previous best tally, he must fancy his chances.

GARY LINEKER (Leicester): Worst season: 19 goals for Leicester (1981/82); Best season: 26 goals (for Leicester 1982/83). Current tally: 14 goals. **VERDICT:** It's only in recent months that the season has really taken off for Gary and his Leicester team-mates who struggled to find their feet in the top flight early on. Six goals in four games gave him a much-needed boost and he's going to have to maintain that sort of form to top his previous best.

PAUL WALSH (Luton): Worst season: 13 goals (for Luton 1981/82); Best season: 18 goals (for Charlton 1980/81); Current tally: 13 goals. **VERDICT:** The talented young striker is gaining in experience all the time and is rapidly learning how to cope with the tightest First Division defences. Providing Luton can keep their heads for the remainder of the season, I don't see why Paul can't hit 18 again.

FRANK STAPLETON (Man United): Worst season: Five goals (for Arsenal 1975/76); Best season: 24 goals (for Arsenal 1978/79); Current tally: 14 goals.

SPOTLIGHT on the First Division's top shots . . . and their chances of enjoying their best-ever season in front of goal.

Three strikers have already achieved their best tallies — Liverpool's Ian Rush with 30, Coventry's Terry Gibson with 16 and Everton's Adrian Heath with 12. Now reporter Dave Smith rates the chances of the rest . . .

VERDICT: The goals have dried up somewhat for the Eire striker since his £900,000 move from Arsenal to Manchester United and, unless there is a dramatic change of fortune in front of goal, he will not reach his best total of 24.

MIKE CHANNON (Norwich): Worst season: Four goals (for Bristol Rovers, Newcastle and Norwich 1982/83); Best season: 24 goals (for Southampton 1975/76); Current tally: 11 goals. **VERDICT:** Although the happy-go-lucky striker is unlikely to top his highest total of 24, he is enjoying his best season for years at Carrow Road where he has added a new dimension to the Norwich attack.

GARRY BIRTLES (Nottm Forest): Worst season: One goal (for Manchester United 1980/81); Best season: 20 goals (for Forest 1978/79); Current tally: 13 goals. **VERDICT:** Garry has buried the nightmare of his spell at Old Trafford and is back to his best in a Forest side gunning for the League Championship. And providing Brian Clough's team maintains its recent form, Garry has a chance of overhauling his previous best score of 20.

TREVOR CHRISTIE (Notts County): Worst season: Eight goals (for Leicester 1978/79); Best season: 19 goals (for Notts County 1980/81); Current tally: 18 goals. **VERDICT:** Trevor is having probably his best season in first-class soccer and, at the time of going to press, was just one goal away from his highest tally of 19. That's quite an achievement when you consider how County have struggled in Division One this season.

SIMON STAINROD (QPR): Worst season: Six goals (for Sheffield United 1977/78); Best season: 24 goals (for QPR 1981/82); Current tally: 15 goals. **VERDICT:** Simon was well on target to record his best season, as far as goals are concerned, in first-class soccer, but the goals have dried up slightly since the turn of the year and he has his work cut out to match the 24 he scored in 1981/82.

STEVE MORAN (Southampton): Worst season: Ten goals (for Southampton 1981/82); Best season: 21 goals (for Southampton 1980/81); Current tally: 14 goals. **VERDICT:** This tenacious little striker is always prepared to have a dig at goal and, for that reason, he will continue to score goals at the highest level. But whether he can beat his previous best total of 21 remains to be seen.

ROBBIE JAMES (Stoke): Worst season: Two goals (for Swansea 1973/74); Best season: 20 goals (for Swansea 1978/79); Current tally: Seven goals. **VERDICT:** Robbie has made quite an impression at the Victoria Ground since his move from struggling Swansea but I think he will be disappointed with his personal goals tally. A long way off his previous best.

GARY ROWELL (Sunderland): Worst season: Five goals (for Sunderland 1976/77); Best season: 22 goals (for Sunderland 1978/79); Current tally: 11 goals. **VERDICT:** Like the Sunderland side as a whole, Gary is finding life tough at the top and goals increasingly hard to come by. He should reach double figures.

STEVE ARCHIBALD (Spurs): Worst season: Nine goals (for Spurs 1981/82); Best season: 25 goals (for Spurs 1980/81); Current tally: 18 goals.

VERDICT: Despite his disagreement with manager Keith Burkinshaw, Steve is back to his best and is well on the way to his best total.

MAURICE JOHNSTON (Watford): Worst season: 11 goals (for Partick 1981/82); Best season: 32 goals (for Partick 1982/83); Current tally: 25 goals. **VERDICT:** The new Vicarage Road sensation has been scoring goals at an incredible rate since his move from Scottish club Partick towards the end of 1983.

GARRY THOMPSON (West Brom): Worst season: 12 goals (for Coventry 1981/82); Best season: 15 goals (for Coventry 1980/81); Current tally: 13 goals. **VERDICT:** His partnership with Cyrille Regis looks like taking Garry to his best goals total in League football. With just two needed to reach the 15 he set in 1982, he must be confident.

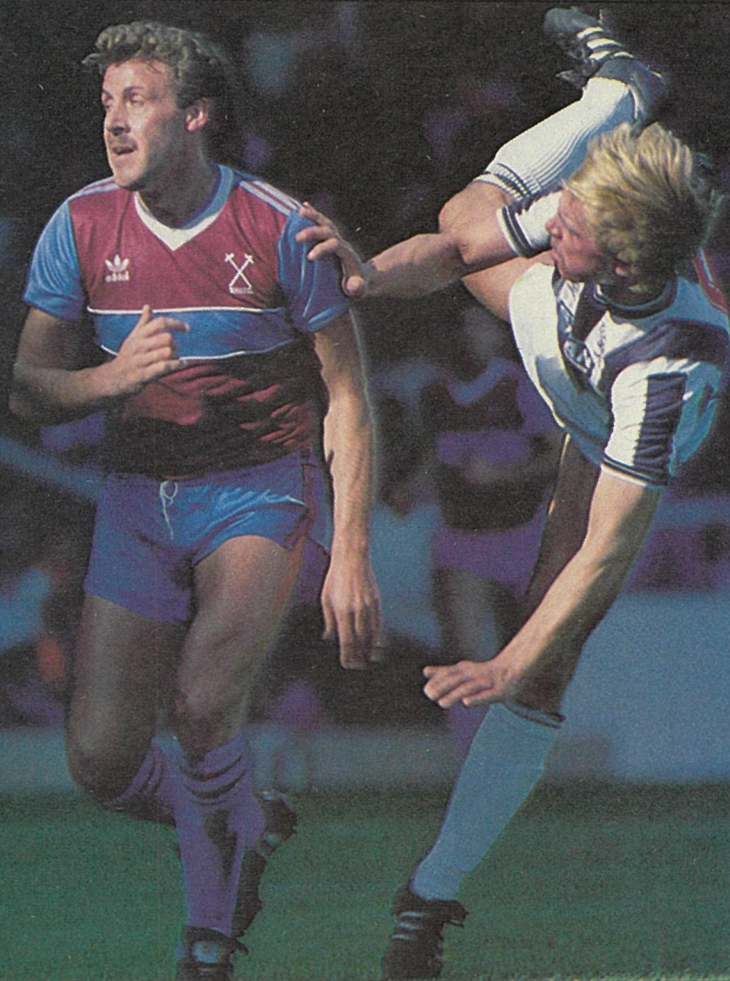
DAVE SWINDLEHURST (West Ham): Worst season: Six goals (for Derby 1981/82); Best season: 19 goals (for Crystal Palace 1975/76); Current tally: 14. **VERDICT:** David has had to wait a long time before overhauling his highest total — 19, eight years ago — but he looks a good bet to do it this season with the high-flying 'Hammers'.

WAYNE CLARKE (Wolves): Worst season: Six goals (for Wolves 1981/82); Best season: 12 goals (for Wolves 1982/83); Current tally: Nine goals. **VERDICT:** Needs four more goals to beat his previous best total and, despite playing in a struggling side, must stand a chance of doing it.

● League and domestic cup goals up to Saturday, February 18, 1984.

Flying Squad!

WEST Brom's Martyn Bennett gets up, up and away from West Ham striker Dave Swindlehurst in First Division action at The Hawthorns earlier this season. But it was Martyn's team-mate Garry Thompson who was on a high at the end of the match after his 86th minute goal had earned Albion three points.



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Birthday Team of the Week



DAVID FELGATE (LINCOLN): Position: Goalkeeper. Born: Blaenau Ffestiniog, March 4, 1960. League debut: (for Rochdale) v Halifax, October 7, 1978. League appearances: Rochdale (on loan 47), Crewe (on loan) 14, Lincoln 153.



ERIC SNOOKES (BOLTON): Position: Defender. Born: Birmingham, March 6, 1955. League debut: (for Preston) v Brighton, March 31, 1973. League appearances: Preston 20, Crewe 33, Southport 104, Rochdale 183, Bolton 8.



JOHN WILE (PETERBOROUGH): Position: Defender. Born: Sherburn, March 9, 1947. League debut: (for Peterborough) v Southport, March 9, 1968. League appearances: Peterborough 116, West Brom 499, Peterborough 21.



WAYNE TURNER (LUTON): Position: Defender. Born: Luton, March 9, 1961. League debut: (for Luton) v Wrexham, May 7, 1979. League appearances: Lincoln (on loan) 45, Luton 26.



ANTHONY FITZPATRICK (ST MIRREN): Position: Defender. Born: Glasgow, March 3, 1956. League debut: (for St Mirren) v Stranraer, September 1, 1973. League appearances: St Mirren 152, Bristol City 75, St Mirren 65.



ROMEO ZONDERVAN (WEST BROM): Position: Midfield. Born: Surinam, Holland, March 4, 1959. League debut: (for West Brom) v Southampton, March 13, 1981. League appearances: West Brom 73.



GARRY STANLEY (PORTSMOUTH): Position: Midfield. Born: Burton, March 3, 1959. League debut: (for Chelsea) v Sunderland, August 16, 1975. League appearances: Chelsea 105, Everton 52, Swansea 59.



JOHN DONNELLY (LEEDS): Position: Striker. Born: Glasgow, March 8, 1961. League debut: (for Dumbarton) v East Stirling, August 29, 1981. League appearances: Dumbarton 59, Leeds 29.



GEORGE SHIPLEY (LINCOLN): Position: Midfield. Born: Newcastle, March 7, 1959. League debut: (for Reading) v Grimsby, March 28, 1979. League appearances: Reading (on loan) 11, Southampton 2, Lincoln 178.



RICKY HILL (LUTON): Position: Midfield. Born: London, March 5, 1959. League debut: (for Luton) v Blackpool, April 24, 1976. League appearances: Luton 268.

● Appearances up to end of last year.

QUESTION: I am an Everton fan and I would like to know the biggest victory Everton have achieved over Liverpool in the past twenty years.

Luke Price, Crowborough, East Sussex.

ANSWER: Everton won 4-0 at Anfield back in September 1964.

QUESTION: Can you tell me the scores and scorers when Manchester United faced Juventus in the UEFA Cup Second Round in 1976-77?

Dorian James, Crumuch, Dyfed.

ANSWER: United won the first leg 1-0 with a goal from Gordon Hill, but lost 3-0 in Italy to goals from Boninsegna (2) and Benetti.

QUESTION: I would be grateful if you could tell me Manchester United's biggest win and defeat in the League since 1950.

Richard Dowell, Tenterden, Kent.

ANSWER: They have achieved three seven-goal victories in the League since 1950, 8-1 v QPR 1968-69 and 7-0 v Aston Villa (1964-65) and West Brom (1969-70). They have suffered two six-goal defeats in the same period, 6-0 at Leicester (1960-61) and at Ipswich (1979-80).

Melvyn Beck is... AT YOUR SERVICE

Send your questions to Melvyn Beck, 'At Your Service', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DZ.

QUESTION: Could you tell me what has happened to Brian Sparrow, who was a promising youngster with Arsenal Reserves in 1979-80. Could you also tell me his date of birth?

Mark Phairs, Hamilton, Scotland.
ANSWER: Left-back Brian is currently on loan to Third Division Gillingham. He had a spell on loan with Wimbledon last season when they were promoted from Division Four. He was born in London and he'll be 22 on June 24.

QUESTION: How many League and Cup appearances has Sammy Lee made for Liverpool and how many goals has he scored?

William Neville, Upminster, Essex.

ANSWER: Sammy's record up to February 14 was 146 League appearances, 32 in the League/Milk Cup and 13 in the FA Cup. His goal tally read: 12 in the League, and two in the League/Milk Cup.

QUESTION: Please could you tell me how many goals Frank Stapleton and Bryan Robson have scored for Manchester United this season?

Lee Hawksworth, Doncaster.

ANSWER: Up to and including February 12, Frank had 11 in the League and two in the Milk Cup, while Bryan had nine in the League.

QUESTION: Could you tell me the new manager of Stoke City and how many League appearances Brendan O'Callaghan has made for the club?

Xenofon Politis, Salonica, Greece.

ANSWER: Bill Asprey, who was deputy to Richie Barker, has taken over as manager. Brendan had made 219 League appearances up to the end of January.

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Saturday, March 3
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MY MOST MEMORABLE MATCH

REPORTER Dave Smith takes a trip down memory lane with the stars and the games they'll never forget.

'My Roker return was so special'

says Mike Hazard

6 I HAD never been so nervous in my life...

Not even my debut for Spurs or the FA Cup Final against Queen's Park Rangers could compare.

For most of the lads in the side it was 'just another game' but for me it was a truly special occasion.

Returning to my home town of Sunderland was a moment to cherish and playing in front of my family and friends added to the occasion.

It was a nerve-racking experience running out and looking around the terraces where I used to stand as a kid.

I had always been a Sunderland supporter and a regular visitor to Roker Park where I used to cheer on the likes of Billy Hughes and Ian Porterfield.

Now I was back there again, but this time playing against the team I so nearly signed for when I left school.

The chance of joining my favourite team was there for the taking, but I also had the opportunity to sign for London giants Spurs.

In my heart I wanted to play for Sunderland but I wasn't sure whether I would be doing the right thing so I left the decision up to my father.

Being older and wiser I thought he would make the right one, but when he told me to go to Spurs I believed he had got it all wrong.

But now as I look back I'm sure he did the right thing — an FA Cup winners' medal is something I wouldn't have got at Sunderland.

All those thoughts were going through my head during the week leading up to the League match at Roker Park on October 17, 1981... even though it wasn't certain I would play.

The previous Saturday Ricky Villa had got injured and at the time I was his deputy so there was a chance I would replace him against Sunderland.

But that wasn't confirmed by manager Keith Burkinshaw until the day before the game. From the



Above: Mike Hazard — "I was a bag of nerves".

moment he told me I was a bag of nerves.

The first thing I did was ring my parents in the North East to tell them the news and to arrange some complimentary tickets for them.

We travelled up to Sunderland on the Friday but I didn't get a chance to meet my parents until just before the kick-off when I saw them at the ground and gave them their tickets.

They all wished me well and told me not to be too nervous... but by that time it was too late. I just couldn't wait to get out on the pitch and start playing.

Once the game got underway I was alright and it wasn't long before I settled down and began to play my natural game.

The game itself passed very quickly and my memories of it are a bit vague. But what I do remember is that it was one of the best Spurs performances I have been a part of.

We were knocking the ball around with supreme confidence and when Steve Archibald put us a goal up in the first half I felt sure we would go on to win.

What I didn't know was that I was to get the goal that clinched the points. I can't remember much about it, however, because I was so excited about scoring in front of my family.

With about five minutes of the game left to go, I got cramp and had to come off but by that time my day was complete.

I had scored one, made another and shown my family and friends what I could do. They were as pleased as punch afterwards... despite the fact that they are Sunderland fans at heart.

● Fixtures correct at time of going to press.

ROMA ROW!

Pruzzo blasts fickle boss

ROMA'S bid to retain the Italian League Championship has been hit by a succession of dressing room rows involving manager Nils Liedholm.

He is accused by some of his top players of making too many changes.

One of his main critics is star striker Roberto Pruzzo who says: "He is always chopping and changing the team and that's why we are slipping behind in the Championship race because we can't always play as a unit."

"The manager should select his best team and stick to it." Despite the backroom bickering, Roma moved into second place in the table following a 2-0 win over Genoa — thanks to two headed goals from former Italian international Francesco Graziani.

But with Fiorentina going down 3-1 to a Zico-inspired Udinese, Juventus found themselves four points clear at the top.

French skipper Michel Platini scored his fifteenth goal of the season in the 3-0 win at AC Milan although Juventus' task was made easier when home striker Guiseppe Damiani was sent off for a third minute foul on Antonio Cabrini.

Platini opened the scoring after 13 minutes and goals from Paolo Rossi and Vignola sealed the issue in the second half.

Left: Roberto Pruzzo — attack on Roma manager.

AJAX DREAMS SHATTERED

AJAX hopes of completing a Dutch League and Cup 'double' for the second successive season have been dashed by title rivals Feyenoord.

Despite the absence of inspirational midfielder Johan Cruyff, Feyenoord managed a 2-1 extra-time victory over their great rivals in the Third Round of the Cup.

But at least Ajax gained some consolation a few days later by replacing Feyenoord at the top of the League.

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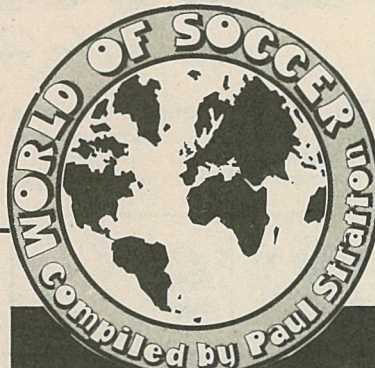
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Angry scenes at Salamanca

THERE were angry crowd scenes at Salamanca where a disallowed goal enabled Spanish League leaders Real Madrid to increase their lead to two points.

Lowly Salamanca thought they had snatched a late equaliser, but the referee ruled it offside despite massive protests, and so Juanito's goal proved to be the match winner.

Meanwhile, Real's main rivals, defending Champions Athletic Bilbao, scraped a draw away to Osasuna with an 88th minute equaliser from Manuel Sarrati.

Barcelona kept their title hopes alive with a 5-0 crushing of Valladolid that saw both foreign stars Diego Maradona (2) and Bernd Schuster among the goals.

● SPANISH side Valencia are to put Argentina's 1978 World Cup star Mario Kempes on a free transfer at the end of the season.

The club has decided that his salary is now in excess of his value to the team who are struggling in the bottom half of the Spanish League.

Kempes (30) admits that his form has been below par this season, but says: "While I'm not playing as well as I have in the past I believe I still have a lot to offer to the right team."

HOW THEY STAND

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beveren	23	16	6	1	46	24	38
Anderlecht	23	12	7	4	53	30	31
Seraing	23	13	5	5	45	25	31
Bruges	23	10	8	5	39	25	28
Standard Liege	23	11	5	7	34	24	27
Antwerp	23	9	8	6	40	28	26
Malines	23	7	10	6	27	31	24
Cercle Bruges	23	9	5	9	25	22	23
Waregem	23	9	5	9	32	30	23
Waterschei	23	8	6	9	30	33	22
Courtrai	23	7	7	9	24	29	21
Lokeren	23	7	6	10	23	31	20
Beerschot	23	5	9	9	30	45	19
Lierse	22	6	6	10	20	30	18
Lierse	23	7	3	13	28	42	17
Molenbeek	23	3	10	9	20	31	16
Ghent	22	5	4	14	23	35	14
Beringen	22	5	4	13	20	46	14

LATEST RESULTS: Lierse 0, Molenbeek 0; Waterschei 1, Waregem 0; Cercle Bruges 0, Lokeren 0; Ghent 1, Bruges 0; Seraing 1, Beveren 1; Courtrai 1, Beringen 0; Anderlecht 5, Malines 1; Beerschot 1, Antwerp 4; Lierse 2, Standard Liege 1.

FRANCE

French Cup, Second Round (first leg) — Monaco 1, St Etienne 0; Rennes 0, Nantes 2; Toulon 1, Toulouse 0; Bordeaux 1, Le Havre 0; Martigues 0, Strasbourg 1; Valenciennes 0, Rouen 3; Rheims 2, Lens 2; Bastia 2, Cannes 1; Tours 1, Sochaux 1; Caen 1, Laval 0; Garraguemines 0, Nancy 2; Castets 0, Metz 4; Thonon 1, Lille 1; Bourg 0, Guinham 1; Orange 1, Mulhouse 2; Pau 0, Besancon 1.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	22	16	4	2	69	25	36
Feyenoord	22	16	4	2	61	23	36
Eindhoven	20	14	3	3	52	19	31
Roda	20	9	7	4	35	28	25
Groningen	21	9	7	5	33	27	25
Go Ahead	22	10	5	7	33	28	25
Utrecht	22	10	4	8	49	49	24
Haarlem	21	7	8	6	31	35	22
PEC Zwolle	22	8	6	8	38	44	22
Sparta	20	7	7	6	46	35	21
AZ 67	21	7	6	8	29	24	20
Excelsior	21	8	4	9	37	39	20
Fortuna	21	5	7	9	23	37	17
Den Bosch	21	3	9	9	24	38	15
Volendam	21	5	5	12	24	44	15
Willem	22	5	4	13	23	45	14
DS 79	20	4	2	14	23	46	10
Helmond	22	0	4	18	27	67	4

LATEST RESULTS: Sparta 8, DS 79 1; Excelsior 7, Utrecht 4; Roda 1, Willem 0; Eindhoven 4, PEC Zwolle 2; AZ 67 3, Volendam 1; Go Ahead 2, Helmond 1; Ajax 5, Fortuna 1; Groningen 1, Feyenoord 0; Haarlem 1, Den Bosch 1.

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	20	12	6	2	43	17	30
Roma	20	10	6	4	30	17	26
Torino	20	9	8	3	27	17	26
Fiorentina	20	9	7	4	36	22	25
Udinese	20	8	8	4	37	23	24
Verona	20	9	6	5	31	21	24
Inter Milan	20	7	8	5	18	17	22
AC Milan	20	7	7	6	29	30	21
Sampdoria	20	8	4	8	26	24	20
Ascoli	20	7	6	7	21	26	20
Pisa	20	2	12	6	10	19	16
Lazio	20	5	5	10	23	33	15
Naples	20	3	9	8	12	26	15
Avellino	20	5	4	11	21	33	14
Genoa	20	2	9	9	13	27	13
Catania	20	1	7	12	7	31	9

LATEST RESULTS: Ascoli 2, Verona 1; AC Milan 0, Juventus 3; Udinese 3, Fiorentina 1; Lazio 2, Sampdoria 1. Genoa 0, Roma 2; Naples 0, Inter Milan 2; Torino 4, Avellino 2; Pisa 2, Catania 0.

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	24	16	3	5	42	25	35
Ath. Bilbao	24	13	7	4	38	23	33
Barcelona	24	12	7	5	42	31	31
Ati. Madrid	24	12	6	6	36	32	30
Zaragoza	24	10	7	7	29	27	27
Malaga	24	8	10	6	35	25	26
Real Sociedad	24	10	6	8	30	25	26
Real Betis	24	11	4	9	34	33	26
Gijon	24	9	7	8	33	33	25
Espanol	24	8	8	8	31	31	24
Murcia	24	7	9	8	27	26	23
Seville	24	8	6	10	28	32	22
Osasuna	24	9	3	12	26	29	21
Valencia	24	8	5	11	31	36	21
Valladolid	24	8	4	12	35	51	20
Mallorca	24	2	12	10	21	41	16
Salamanca	24	4	7	13	32	49	15
Cadiz	24	3	5	16	17	39	11

LATEST RESULTS: Real Sociedad 1, Valencia 0; Cadiz 0, Malaga 0; Zaragoza 5, Real Betis 0; Salamanca 0, Real Madrid 1; Barcelona 5, Valladolid 0; Atletico Madrid 1, Sporting Gijon 1; Seville 1, Murcia 0; Osasuna 1, Athletic Bilbao 1; Mallorca 1, Espanol 1.

SCOTTISH Scene this week spotlights the European hopes of Dundee United and Aberdeen as they prepare for next week's Quarter-Final ties.

FREEZE VICTIMS UNITED MAKE RAPID RECOVERY

DUNDEE United are confident they have shaken off the effects of their enforced lay-off in time to dispose of Rapid Vienna.

As the Premier Division Champions emerged from the icy grips of winter, defender David Narey predicted: "We'll get it right."

"The lengthy lay-off over Christmas and New Year really knocked us off our stride and it's taken a while for us to recover our form."

"But I'm sure we'll be back to our best by the time we take on Rapid in the European Cup Quarter-Finals."

The Scottish fixture programme was thrown into disarray as the whole of the country was covered by a blanket of snow.

And it's only in recent weeks that life has got back to something like normal for teams North of the border.

Says David: "It was like a close-season break but instead of preparing in good conditions we were training on snow and ice."

"In fact sometimes conditions were so bad that we had to practice on the beach and that's far from ideal."

"As a result, players lost their touch and that's only been recaptured in recent weeks."

And the timing couldn't have been better as Dundee United bid to reach the semi-final stage of a European competition for the first time in the club's history.

They have bowed out at the Quarter-Final stage of the UEFA Cup in the last two seasons but David says: "We're determined to go one better in the European Cup this year."

"And playing the second leg at Tannadice gives us a great chance of doing that. After that who knows? A final against Liverpool is certainly not out of the question."

David admits that he knows little

about Rapid Vienna, and says:

"The only players I have heard of are Antonin Panenka and Hans Krankl, but they must be a useful side to get this far."

"Austrian international Krankl is probably past his best now, but I would say that he'll be the dangerman in the side and the one we'll have to keep a close watch on."

Dangerous

European Cup Winners' Cup holders Aberdeen go into the first leg of their Quarter-Final tie against Ujpest Dozsa knowing just how dangerous the Hungarians are at home.

Says 'Dons' central defender Alex McLeish: "I saw a video of their game against Cologne of West Germany and they destroyed them 3-1. They looked very impressive."

"Hungarian international Andras Torocsik was devastating and he's a player we'll have to watch out for. He has a reputation for being a bit of a wild boy off the park but he's a real classy performer. He's got so much skill."

"His striking partner Laszlo Kiss is another player I rate highly," says Alex.

"I haven't played against a Hungarian club side, although I did visit Budapest with Scotland once. It's a beautiful place and not as dour as most Iron Curtain countries. We're all looking forward to the trip."

Although the Hungarian Cup winners are dangerous on their own patch, Alex believes they could be bad travellers. He says: "After that impressive performance in the first leg against Cologne they nearly lost the tie in the return."

"In the end they had to be happy with going through on away goals."

'BOSSES TO BLAME FOR SCOTTISH PLAYER DRAIN'

CLYDE manager Craig Brown has fired a broadside at the bosses of Scotland's top clubs.

"Too many young players are being allowed to slip out of Scotland and I feel our top clubs must shoulder much of the blame," he says.

"I'm referring to lads like Mo Johnston, Pat Nevin, Joe McLaughlin and Kenny Armstrong."

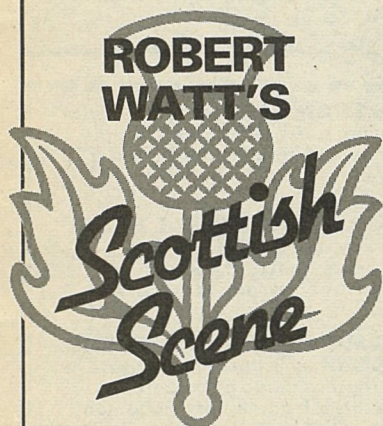
"They are outstanding for their clubs each week yet, when they were playing in the Scottish First Division, none of our big clubs showed any interest."

"All too often our clubs spend their money on buying players back from England — men like Ally McCoist and Jim Melrose — instead of keeping the cash in this country and signing players from our lower leagues."

"It really annoys me to think we don't rate our First and Second Division players. It's a great pity that we are making it so much easier for the English clubs to poach our best young prospects."



David Narey — "We'll be back to our best for Rapid Vienna."



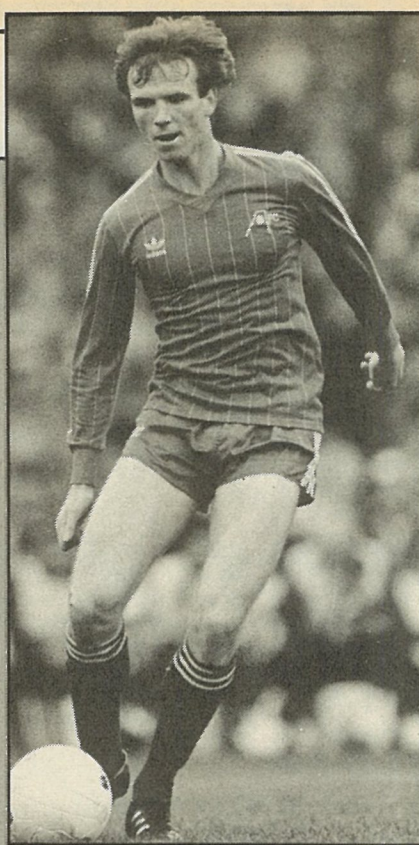
TOM'S MIXED DEBUT

RANGERS' manager Jock Wallace added another Ulsterman to his squad when he splashed out £25,000 to sign 19-year-old full back Tom Leeman from Glentoran.

Leeman joins established Irish internationals John McClelland and Jimmy Nicholl at Ibrox and much is expected of the new boy.

And he certainly made a real 'Irish debut' for the 'Light Blues'. He laid on the second goal in the 4-0 win over Hearts reserves, was booked for a rash tackle, then hobbled off with a leg injury mid-way through the second half.

● CELTIC piped numerous clubs in the race to sign 15-year-old Terry Wilson from Edinburgh's Tynecastle Boys Club. Amongst the other clubs in the hunt for the talented young midfielder player were Manchester United, Leeds United, Nottingham Forest and the Parkhead club's arch-rivals Rangers.



Alex McLeish — "The Hungarians looked very impressive."

World Cup warm-up clash fixed

SCOTLAND will meet Yugoslavia at Hampden on Wednesday, September 12, in a final warm-up match before the Scots open their World Cup qualifying programme.

"I wanted to meet top class opposition and, having already lined up a match against France in June, this means we will now meet two of the European Championship finalists in our build-up," said a delighted Jock Stein.

"Together with our Home International matches we have a first class programme of preparation for our World Cup games."

The last time Scotland and Yugoslavia clashed was in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany when a 1-1 draw at Frankfurt's Waldstadion sent the Scots tumbling out of the competition on goal difference.

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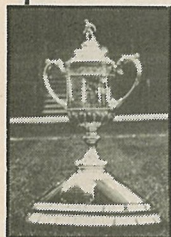
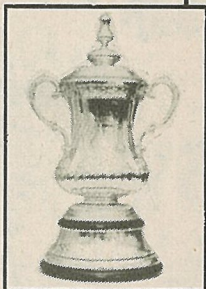
THE Scottish fixture fiasco goes on... Celtic's League Cup, Semi-Final, second leg against Aberdeen will now be played at Parkhead on Saturday, March 10 — Scottish FA Cup Quarter-Final day — with the respective clubs scheduled to play their FA Cup ties a week later.

But St Mirren now look likely to claim compensation from the League for the loss of revenue they could have expected from their League fixture against Celtic on March 17.

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PAUL Mariner linked up with his England striking partner Tony Woodcock at Arsenal and declared: "This move could extend my England career."

The 30-year-old Ipswich 'pay rebel' says: "If we can hit it off like we have done for England, I'm sure I'll figure in manager Bobby Robson's plans for a few more years to come."

"I believe I stand a better chance of hanging on to my England place playing alongside Tony that I would have done if I had stayed at Portman Road."

"I've had some fabulous times in an English shirt and I want them to continue. I'd love to be able to help us qualify for the next World Cup Finals in Mexico."

Paul, who joined the 'Gunners' for £150,000, was put on the transfer list by Ipswich following his demands for a rise on top of his reported £50,000-a-year salary.

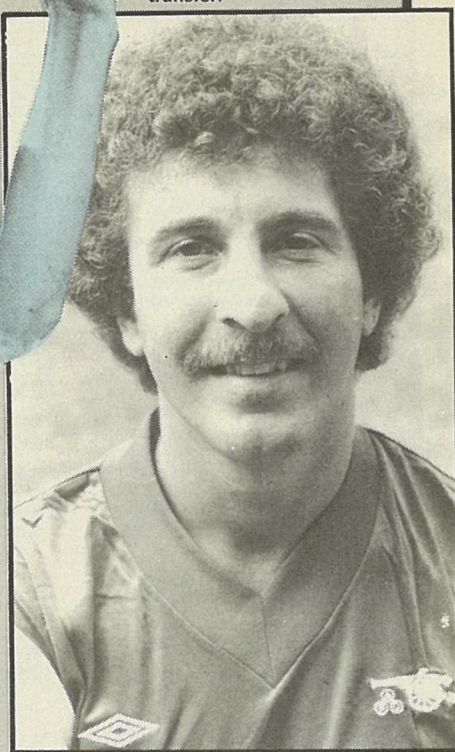
But he says: "You develop a thick skin in football but a lot of the publicity surrounding my decision to leave Ipswich hurt me very deeply."

"Money wasn't the only consideration. I wanted a new challenge," says Paul, who joined

Paul Mariner celebrates with Phil Neal (left) and Terry McDermott after scoring the goal against Hungary which took England to the last World Cup Finals. He hopes his move to Arsenal will help him be part of his country's next campaign to qualify for a place in Mexico.



Below: Alan Sunderland — on loan at Ipswich following the Paul Mariner transfer.



MARINER'S MISSION

Ipswich from Plymouth in October 1976 for £200,000.

"It wasn't an overnight decision and took a lot of heart-searching. Leaving after so many great years there was a tremendous wrench."

"I'll always be grateful to the club. They gave me everything. I went up there with nothing and they turned me into an international player."

Turbulent

"Even the last few turbulent months at Portman Road failed to sour memories of my spell there. I still feel very deeply for Ipswich Town Football Club."

Paul admits that he was taking a big gamble by asking for a move and says: "I just kept my fingers crossed that a big club would come in for me and they don't come much bigger than Arsenal."

"I realise I'm a very lucky man. There aren't many players of my age who get a chance to join Arsenal."

Paul was tempted by offers from top foreign clubs and he says:

"Both PSV Eindhoven in Holland and West German team Cologne were said to be interested."

"The idea of playing abroad really appealed to me. It would have been a fantastic experience, but the Arsenal offer was just too exciting for me to turn down."

"Even though the 'Gunners' have had an indifferent season, the potential here is fantastic with players like Tony Woodcock."



'I'D LOVE TO TAKE US TO MEXICO'

Kenny Sansom, Graham Rix, Charlie Nicholas and David O'Leary in the side."

Paul is eager to establish the same sort of lethal partnership he enjoyed with former team-mate Alan Brazil at Ipswich. He explains: "We had a lot of success playing Alan and myself up front with Eric Gates just behind us."

"The plan at Arsenal is to use a similar system involving me and Tony in attack with Scottish striker Charlie Nicholas playing Eric's deeper role."

"I'll be looking to win a few balls in the air to create chances for Tony," says Paul, who has signed a three-year contract at Highbury.

Paul picked up FA Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals during his stay at Ipswich and he says: "I'm ambitious and still want to win things. I believe I can do that with Arsenal."

"I had some fabulous times at Ipswich, but my biggest regret is that I never picked up a Championship medal. We came so close on a couple of occasions."

"It was our own fault because we dropped too many silly points away from home. We struggled against teams that we really should have beaten."

"But it was a pleasure to play alongside so many top class players like Kevin Beattie, Allan

Hunter, Mick Mills, Frans Thijssen and John Wark. I don't think we realised what a good team we were."

"At times we played some breath-taking football," adds the Bolton-born star.

On the day Paul signed for the North London giants, Alan Sunderland made the opposite trip — fuelling speculation that his career at Highbury may be over.

Future

But Alan, who joined Ipswich on a month's loan, says: "My contract at Highbury isn't up until the end of the season and I'd like to think I've still got a future there."

"I haven't played in the Arsenal side since November and the loan spell at Portman Road gives me a chance to get some games under my belt and rediscover my appetite."

"I was good enough for Arsenal for six years and I still feel I can do a job for them."

"Obviously it's going to be very difficult for me, however, because other players are ahead of me in the queue for first team places."

Alan hasn't completely ruled out a permanent move to Ipswich and says: "The loan spell gives me a chance to look at the club and for them to see what I can do."

"It's an opportunity to see if I can work up some kind of understanding with striker Mich D'Avray."

FULL NAME: Raymond Colin Wilkins.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hayes/September 14, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 8ins/11st 3lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Jackie.
CHILDREN: One son, Ross (aged two).
CAR: Jaguar 3.4.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chelsea.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None, I joined Chelsea straight from school.
NICKNAME AT CLUB AND WHY: It used to be 'Razor' but now it's 'Baldie' because I'm going thin on top.
WORST EVER INJURY: Groin injury which needed an operation two years ago.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Spurs and England midfielder Glenn Hoddle for his sheer artistry.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Brighton, Brentford and Hendon — the teams my brothers play for.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: The Brazilian Zico — although he is a great individual he combines it with team effort.

Spotlight on Manchester United and England star...

RAY WILKINS

BEST CURRENT BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Duxbury (England), McLeish (Scotland), Lawrenson (Eire), Albiston (Scotland), Hoddle, Robson (England), Brady (Eire), Dalglish (Scotland) Rush (Wales), Stapleton (Eire).
CURRENT INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England), Kaltz (West Germany), Junior (Brazil), Lawrenson (Eire), Scirea (Italy), Falcao (Brazil), Brady (Eire), Socrates, Zico (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Dalglish (Scotland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: White Hart Lane.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Belgium in the European Championship Finals in Italy in 1980.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glenn Hoddle's volley against Manchester United in the League Cup in 1979.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all difficult.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: FA Cup Final replay against Brighton last season.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring in the first game against Brighton at Wembley.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated from the First Division with Chelsea in 1979.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, golf and swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Spending time with my family.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Any film.



Above: Ray Wilkins scores his 'best ever goal' against Belgium in the 1980 European Championship Finals.



Left: Glenn Hoddle — the Spurs and England midfielder's play is sheer artistry says Ray.

STAR SPOT

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Any political programme.
FAVOURITE READING: Anything to do with sport.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Michael Jackson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Dry white wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood/Jacqueline Bisset.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Midnight Express.
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: In the early days my father, and everyone I have worked under at Chelsea and Manchester United.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries and crowd violence.
SUPERSTITIONS: It's more a habit really, but I never put my shorts on until the last possible minute.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Don't have one.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England schoolboy, youth, under-21, under-23 and 55 full caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and make a success of life after my career is over.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win everything — preferably with Manchester United.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Haven't given it much thought.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Graeme Hogg (Man. Utd).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Queen.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and keep your feet on the ground.

